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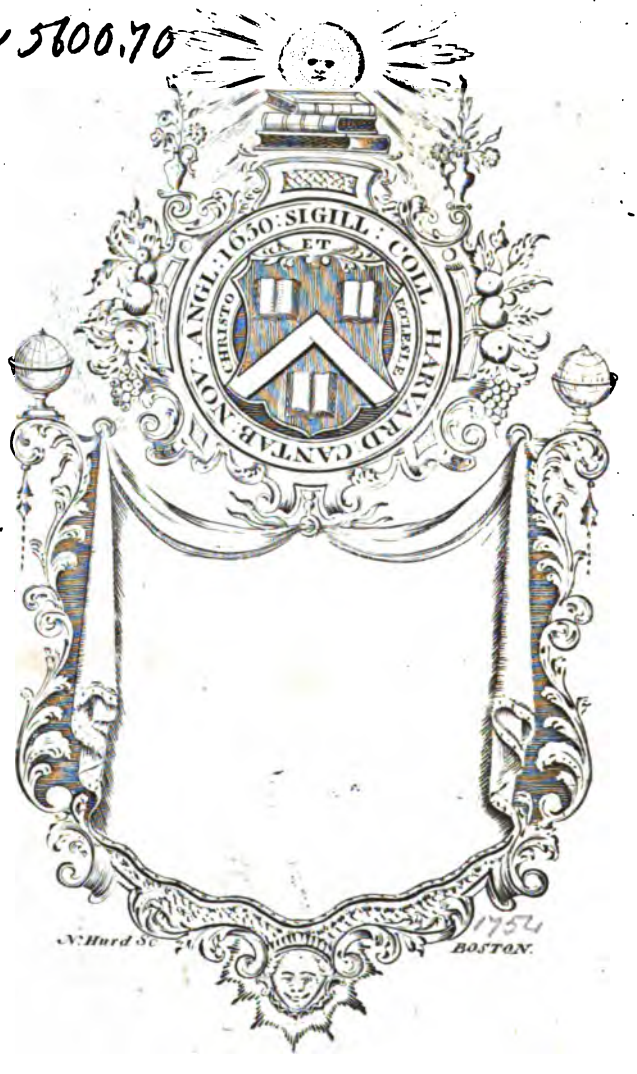
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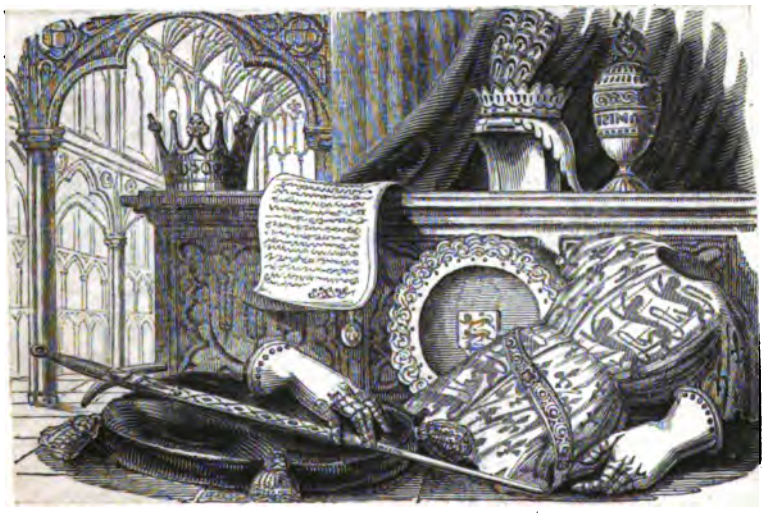

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WILLIAM NORREYS.

William Norreys, of Asshe, Gentleman, 10th September 1486. My body to be buried in the Chancel of our Lady in the parish of Asshe, at the South end of the altar there. I will that my red cloth of Bandkyn be laid upon my body in the said Church of Asshe, and so there to remain for a perpetual remembrance; and especially to be provided for therewith an hearse and a black cloth, with two tapers thereupon set, to be light and burning in the time of saying divine service there, to be had and ordained over my tomb for a special remembrance of prayer; I will that a convenient stone be set in the wall afore my said tomb, under the image of Mary Magdalen there, with an image of the Trinity, graven in brass, and a picture of my body and arms therein, set in like frame, for a special remembrance of prayer. And I constitute Anne, my wife; William Norreys, Knight; and Philip Fitzhewes, Esquire, my executors; Joane my mother; John Norreys, my younger brother. Proved before the Prior and Chapter 20th November 1486, at Canterbury.

JOHN ROPER, ESQ.

John Roper, Esquire[1], of St. Dunstan's Canterbury, 5th April 1487. To Thomas Roper, my son, all my manors of Breule[2], Botelar, Tarncourt, and Apperwall, with their rights, members, and appurtenances, in the parishes of Bocton subtus le Blene, Selling, Harnehill, and Feversham, according to a certain deed made by me to the said Thomas, in full satisfaction of his share of my lands, of the

[1] Apparently John Roper, who was one of the Surveyors of the Cinque Ports, and who married Margery, daughter and coheir of John Tattersall, and was ancestor of the Right Hon. Lord Teynham. [2] Query.

tenure of Gavelkind, which might come to my said son by my death, and if this my will had not been made; I will that all other my manors, lands, and tenements, hereditaments, with the reversion of the same, in the parishes of St. Dunstan, Hackington, Stourmouth, Preston, Bocton subtus le Blene, and Holy Cross Westgate of Canterbury, or elsewhere, immediately after the death of Margaret my wife, shall remain to John Roper, my eldest son, and his heirs for ever; Richard Long, Vicar of St. Dunstan's.

Proved 11th January 1489, at Canterbury.

JOHN LORD MONTJOY.

John Blount, Lord Montjoy[1], October 6th, 1485. My body to be buried in the Chapel of the Friars Minors, London, where the body of my father is interred. To that house xx *l.*; to Lora, my wife, the manors of Belton and Alexton for life, together with all my lands in Cotesmore, Gretham, Leicester, and Defford, in the counties of Rutland and Leicestershire, with the advowson of the Church of Alexton, with remainder to the heirs male of the late Sir Walter Blount, Knight, Lord Montjoy, which was my dearest father; to William, my son and heir; to Rowland, my son, my chain of gold with a lion of gold, set with diamonds; to William Blount, my brother; to Constantine, my daughter, c *l.* to her marriage; to Ann and Elizabeth, my nieces, daughters of Sir James Blount, my brother; my manor of Falde, in Staffordshire; to Humphrey Blount my cousin. And I appoint Lora, my wife; and Sir James Blount, my brother, my executors*.

Proved November 22d, 1485.

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[1] He was second son of Walter Lord Montjoy, K. G. and succeeded Edward, his nephew, 15th Edward IV. in that title, being then thirty years of age.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 520; and MS. Note.

THOMAS HAMPDEN, ESQ.

Thomas Hampden, of Hampden, Esquire [1], on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist [2], 1482. My body to be buried before the image of St. Mary Magdalen, in the Chancel of the Church at Hampden. To the parson of Hampden xiii *s.* iv *d.*; to a priest to sing for my soul xxx *s.*; to Margery, my wife, whom of youth I have known well conscienced, and to me a true and loving wife; John my father; to my cousin John Wroughton; to Mr. William Colet, Parson of Hampden; to John my son, and Elizabeth his wife, my manor of Hampden; with remainder to Edmund, my second son, Edward, my third son, Francis, my fourth son, Alexander, my fifth son, and to Henry, my sixth son; remainder to my daughters Alice, Katherine, Jane, and Eleanor, until my daughters be married; my manors of Bledlowe, Chilton, and Elsyngton, Upton, Wales, and Waldrege, in the county of Bucks. And I appoint my sons John and Edmund my executors.

Proved November 22d, 1486.

BARTHOLOMEW KINGSTON, ESQ.

The following will is exceedingly curious, from its being engraved on a tombstone in the Church of Rothley, in the county of Leicester, and is extracted from Nichols's History of that County, vol. iii. part ii. p. 960 [3].

This ys the wyll of Bartholmey Kyngsto', Esquyer,
to have an obet keppd onys ev'y yere for me and Ely

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[1] Ancestor of the celebrated patriot.

[2] October 18.

[3] The subjoined description of the tomb is taken from that work, in which there is also an engraving of it: "In the North Chapel, adjoining to the North wall, is a very large altar-tomb, about three feet high, with the effigies of a man in armour with long strait hair, head on cushion, sword and dagger, and large

my wyfl, my fadr, and my modr, on ye Monday next after Symo'd day and Jude; ye whych obet to be kept wth ye p'feth off ye lande and medo yt I boght of Wyll'm Adcoke, wth ii acars off medo in Quer'd'n medo; ye first I wyll ye vecar have for derige iiiid. and to be offerd at masse be ye handys of the feffers xvii d.; and to the sayde vecar for ye beydroll viii d.; and to viii clarkis for redy'g of viii lessons xviii d. and a po'nd of wax to be brent at hie derge and messe, and aftyr yt to be sett afore ye sepulker, in time of pace [1], and aftyr yt tone sete to bren afor ye crucifix, and ye todyr afore ye image of our Lady, and for ye wast of iiii torches xvid.; and to iiii pore me' to hold the torchys iiii d.; and ye resedew of ye p'fetts off ye sayd land and medo to be disposyd in meytte and drinke among pore men.

Ye yere of our Lorde a thousand CCCCLXXXI.

THOMAS DARCY, ESQ.

Thomas Darcy, Esquire, son and heir of Sir Robert Darcy, Knt. March 5th, 1483[2]. My body to be buried in the aisle where the bodies of my grandfather and father are buried, in the parish Church of Allhallows of Malden, in the diocese of London. To Robert Darcy my brother; to John Darcy my uncle; to Margaret my wife; I will that my daughters be married by the advice of my mother; my aunt Anne Montgomery, And I appoint Thomas Lord Bishop

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spur-rowels; a greyhound at his feet looking back. His Lady, who sits on a cushion, has a veil head-dress and a cordon; at her feet a dog, looking up, and lifting up his fore-paw. Over their heads the arms of Kingston, and the inscription, which on the tomb is reversed."

[1] That part of the mass at which the pax is given to the particular friends of the deceased.

[2] Query, 1483-4?

of London[1], John Lord Dinham, Sir James Tirrell, Knight, my father Richard Hawte, and my uncle John Clopton, Esquire, supervisors of this my will*.

Proved June 16th, 1486.

ANN LADY MOLENCE.

Ann Molence, sometime wife of William Molence, called that time Lord Molence, and now Ann Lady Molence, last day of February 1486[2]. If I die in London I will that my body be buried in the Church of the Gray Friars; and if I depart this life at Hampden, then I will that I be buried in that Church. To my daughters Dame Eleanor Molence and Frideswide; my cousin Alexander Hampden; Edmund Hampden the elder; my nephew John Hampden, Esquire. And I appoint my daughter Dame Eleanor Molence, my nephew John Hampden, Esquire, and Sir Robert Cambyn[3], my executors.

SIR JOHN CATESBY, KNT.

John Catesby, Knight[4], Justice of the Common Pleas. My body to be buried in the Abbey of St. James at Northampton; my manor of Whiston, in the county of Northampton; my wife Elizabeth; my sons Humphrey, Euseby, Walter, Anthony, George, Hugh, and Thomas; my daughters Ann and Elizabeth. Proved 1485.

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[1] Thomas Kemp was Bishop of London from 1448 to 1489.

* An abstract of this Will, from the Collection of Mr. Baker, states that he also mentions his aunt, the wife of John Clifton.

[2] Query, 1486—7? [3] Query, Chamberlyn?

[4] He was appointed one of the Puisne Judges of the Common Pleas, November 20, 1482.

JOAN LADY DACRE.

Joan Fynes Lady Dacre [1], October 13th, 1485. My body to be buried in the quire of All Saints at Hurstmonceaux, between the high altar and the tomb of Sir Richard Fynes, Knight, my late husband; to Thomas, son of Sir John Fynes, Knight; to Edward Fynes, brother of the said Thomas [2]; to Elizabeth Lady Clinton [3], and Thomas Fynes, my son and daughter, all my chattels. And I appoint my sons Thomas and William Fynes, and Thomas Oxenbridge, my executors. Proved June 14th, 1486.

MARGARET LADY BEAUCHAMP.

Margaret Lady Beauchamp. My body to be buried in the Church of the Friars Preachers at Worcester, by the body of my Lord and husband. And I appoint my brother, Richard Ferrers, Esquire, executor of this my will.

Proved 29th January 1487 [4].

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[1] She was the daughter and heir of Thomas Dacre (who died v. p.), son and heir of Thomas Lord Dacre, and married Sir Richard Fiennes, Knt. who became Lord Dacre in her right.

[2] This Thomas and Edward appear to have been her grandchildren, the sons of Thomas her eldest son, who died v. p. though Dugdale only mentions Thomas, who succeeded his grandfather as Lord Dacre.

[3] Wife of John Lord Clinton.

[4] Query, 1487-8?

JOHN LORD DUDLEY.

John Dudley, Knight, Lord Dudley[1], August 17th, 1487. My body to be buried in the Priory of St. James at Dudley, by my wife, and I will that a tomb be made over us, which shall cost xx *l.*; also I will that twenty-four new torches be lighted during the performance of divine service at my funeral, and that every priest or religious person coming thereto shall receive iv *d.* and every clerk singing, iii *d.*; I will that xx marks in money be disposed in alms on that day, and on the morrow, to poor people to pray for my soul, and for the soul of my wife, and all our friends; also I desire that one thousand masses be said for me so soon as possible after my burial, which masses to cost xvi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*; Edward Dudley my heir[2]. And I appoint Sir William Hussey, Knt. Chief Justice of England; and Sir Reginald Bray, Knight, my executors*.

No Probate.

JOHN FANE, ESQ.

John Fane, of Tunbridge, Esquire[3], April 6th, 1488. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Peter and Paul of Tunbridge. I will that a priest celebrate mass there for my soul, for my ancestors souls, and for the souls of all the faithful deceased, for three years, and to have xx *l.* for his wages; to every priest coming to my funeral vi *l.*;

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[1] He was summoned to Parliament from 1st Richard III. to 3d Henry VII. soon after which he died.

[2] His son, afterwards Knight of the Garter, and summoned to Parliament.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 216; and MS. Note.

[3] Ancestor of the Right Hon. the Earl of Westmoreland.

to the Prior and Convent of Tunbridge to pray for my soul, xx *s.*; to the high altar of the Church of Tunbridge xx *s.*; to the structure of the rood loft thereof v marks, on condition that the churchwardens build it within two years; to each of the Churches of Hadloe, Leigh, East Peckham, Seale, Morden, Lamberherst, Bitberyk, Wittersham, and Suergate, in the county of Kent, in all of which parishes I have lands; to my daughters Ann, Alice, and Mercie, xx marks each, with an annuity of v marks per annum for their lives, and to each of them on their marriages certain lands, &c.; the residue of my goods and chattels I bequeath to Isabel, my wife[1], and Henry Fane, my son, whom I appoint joint executors of this my will; and as to the disposition of my manors, lands, tenements, &c. in the county of Kent, or elsewhere: First, I will that Isabel, my wife, shall have all those lands of which we were jointly seised, to her use during her life, and while she remains a widow, all that is due to her as dower; also I will that my feoffees Richard Fane, Henry Fane, Thomas Fane, and John Fane, my sons, suffer Isabel, my wife, to receive the issues and profits of all my lordships, manors, lands, &c. (besides her jointure) for the space of four years, except my lordship called Albonys, with the appurtenances in East Peckham, in Kent, the which I desire my feoffees to deliver to Henry, my son, for his own use, in fee simple, for ever. Also I will that the said Isabel, my wife, do with the profits of the said lordships, &c. pay my debts and bequests; and, after the said term of four years, to revert to Henry, my my son and heir; to Richard Fane, my son, my manor of Suergate, with the appurtenances, and, after the death of my wife Isabel, my lands lying in Marden and Lamberherst to remain to the said Richard and Agnes his wife, and his heirs and assigns; to Thomas Fane, my son, the mansion, with the gardens and edifices, &c. which belonged to Henry Fane, my father; to John Fane, my son, when he comes to the age of twenty-one years, all my lands and te-

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[1] Daughter of John Darell, of Kent, Esq.

nements called Holynden, and all other lands and appurtenances assigned to him as by deed of fee simple bearing date the 1st of April more plainly shews; if either of my sons die before the age of twenty-one years, I will that the lands entailed on him shall go to such as survive; to Humphrey Fane, my brother's son, a house in fee simple with a garden at the town's end of Tunbridge; the residue of my lands not bequeathed, to Henry my son.

Proved June 3d, 1488 *.

SIR RICHARD EDGCUMBE, KNT.

Richard Edgcoumbe, Knight [1], at Penryn, on the Friday before the Feast of St. John the Baptist [2], 4 Henry VII. 1489. I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, beseeching the blessedful Virgin Mary, his mother, to be a mean unto his most benign grace to shew his most pitiful grace and mercy to my soul; and mine in especial good master, Saint Thomas of Canterbury, to be a rememberer unto her for the same; to my cousin Bowley's daughter and heir, in my keeping, c marks to her marriage, in recompence of what I had of her father; to my sister Elizabeth Tremayne XL marks; to every of my household servants XL s.; I will that a priest be found to pray for me for the space of five years in the Church of Calstock: the residue of my goods and chattels I bequeath to Joan my wife [3], Sir Reynold Bray,

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* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. pp. 219, 220. A MS. Note of this Will states that the Probate is dated January 29, 1488-9.

[1] Ancestor of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe. He was a distinguished personage in the reign of Henry VII. by whom he was appointed Comptroller of the Household and a Privy Councillor, and was a candidate for the Order of the Garter at a Chapter held November 16, 1488, when he had the suffrages of the Duke of Bedford, the Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Daubeney, and the Lord Dynham; but Sir John Savage was elected He died September 8, 1489. Collins. [2] June 19.

[3] Daughter of Thomas Tremayne, of Collacomb, Esq.

Roger Holland, and Fulk Prideaux, Esquires, for my children, at the will and pleasure of my said wife, by the oversight of the Bishop of Exeter[1], and John Arundel, Dean of Exeter. Proved April 29th, 1492*.

MARGARET LADY DARCY.

Dame Margaret Darcy, widow, late wife to Thomas Darcy, Esquire[2], 9th July 1489, being at Beardwell in the diocese of Norwich. My body to be buried in the Church of All Saints at Maldon. To Roger my son; to Thomas my son; to Elizabeth and Anne my daughters. And I appoint John Clopton, Esquire, my uncle; Robert Crane; and Thomas Froxmere, Esquires, my executors.

Proved January 1489[3].

THOMAS BEAUMONT, ESQ.

Thomas Beaumont, Esquire[4], October 13th, 1487. My body to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady at Pilton, in the Northwale. To John, my son, my manor of Luscott; I will that a marble stone be laid on my brother Philip's grave, with these verses graven on the same:

> Testis tu Christe quod non jacet hic lapis este
> Corpus ut ornetur sed ut spiritus ne memoretur.

To buy new bells in the Church of Heanton Punchardon XL*s.*; to the Prior of Mary Magdalen XX*s.* yearly out of my manor of Hakington; I will that my executrix pay all

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[1] Richard Fox was Bishop of Exeter from 1486 to 1492.

* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, vol. v. p. 339-340.

[2] Apparently the widow of Thomas Darcy, Esq. whose will is inserted in p. 388.

[3] Query, 1489-1490?

[4] Of Devon. The following pedigree from Glover's Collection

debts owing by me, my father Thomas Beaumont, Knight, William Beaumont, and Thomas Beaumont, Esquires, my

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Harl. MSS. 807, f. 71, throws some light on the above will; but it is singular that the testator is not mentioned.

- Philippa, sister to Lord Dinham, aunt of the last Lord, John Baron Dinham, K. G.; 1st wife. = Sir Thomas Beaumont.
  - William.
  - Philip.
  - Jane, married John Basset.
  - Alice, married Gay vel Golworthy.
- Sir Thomas Beaumont. = ... daughter of . . . . Monke; of Devonshire; 2d wife.
  - Hugh Beaumont. = Martha, daughter and coheir of Oliver Wise.
    - Margaret, daughter and coheir, wife of John Chichester. =
- . . . . daughter of . . . . Stukeley; third wife.
  - A daughter, who married, but died s. p.

Prince, in his Worthies of Devon, p. 61, has the following notice of this family:

- 1st wife. = Sir Thomas Beaumont, Knight. = 2d wife.
  - William Beaumont, son and heir. = Joan, daughter of an honourable house in the county of Devon.
    - . . . . Bodrugan.
    - Margaret, dau. and heir. = . . . Chichester.
  - Philip, succeeded his brother in his lands; ob. s. p.
  - Thomas* Beaumont, on whom his half brother Philip settled his lands; ob. s. p.
    - Hugh, heir to his bro. Thomas. =
    - Margaret, dau. and heir. = . . . Chichester.

John, about whom there was a controversy relative to the inheritance of the Beaumont property. As he was born in the lifetime of his mother's husband William Beaumont, and it coming before Parliament, it was determined, "that they would not make a bastard of one born in wedlock;" but it was afterwards proclaimed that he should be considered the son of Joan Bodrugan. An agreement was at last made, and the affair settled amicably. The posterity of this John however assumed the name of Beaumont.

* This Thomas Beaumont appears to have been the testator, and as his brother Philip settled his estates on him, gratitude perhaps caused him to order a memorial to be placed over his remains; the son John mentioned in his will probably died without issue, which may account for Prince saying he left no children.

brothers; to my brother Hugh Beaumont all my arms; to Martha, my wife, my manors of Wornlegh and Enkyngton for her life, and I appoint her my executrix. Proved 1st December 1489.

SIR THOMAS MONTGOMERY, KNT.

Thomas Montgomery, Knight, July 28th, 1489. My body to be buried in the Abbey of Tower-hill, in the Chapel of our Lady, which I have lately made there. To John my brother; Thomas my uncle; I will that a priest be found to pray in the said Abbey for the souls of my father and mother, my uncle the Lord Sudley, my uncle Thomas Montgomery, and of my sister Anne Montgomery; to Alice Langley my sister; to Dame Low, my wife, my household stuff; if I have any issue male; whereas I have bought the marriage of William Blount Lord Montjoy, which I give to my wife to marry as she pleaseth; I will that my wife keep my household at Falkborne for half a year after my decease; to my nephew Ralph Norbury xx *l.*; to my niece Anne, his sister, xx marks; to my niece Jane; I will that the body of my wife Dame Philippa be removed from Falkborne to the Tower-hill, to be laid by me in the place which I have ordained there, at my own cost and charge; my manors of Cooks and Nethersall, in the county of Kent; my manors of Falkborne and Bluntishall, and the advowson of the Church of Falkborne; and my manors of Braksted and Revenhall, in of Essex, Chaulton in Hampshire, and Shipton in Oxfordshire, and Fowfield in Worcestershire; my sister Alice Spice; John my brother; John Clopton my brother. And I appoint Sir Thomas Tirrell, Sir Edward Barkley, Knight, and John Clopton, my executors; and constitute my Lord Canterbury [1], my Lord of Oxford, and Sir Thomas Borough, Knight, supervisors of this my will.

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[1] John Morton was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1486 to 1501.

DAME MARGARET BROWNE.

Dame Margaret Browne, of Stamford, late wife of William Browne, June 25th, 1489. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Mary in the Church of Allhallows in Stamford. To John Elmes, my elder son, and Elizabeth his wife, a whole bed of linen cloth stained; to William Elmes, Katherine Elmes, John Elmes the younger, and Isabel Elmes; to Thomas Stock my brother; to every son and daughter of the said John Elmes the elder, a board cloth. And I appoint John Elmes and William Elmes, my sons, my executors. Proved 30th January 1489-1490.

THOMAS COOPER, ESQ.

Thomas Cooper, of Horley, in the diocese of Winchester[1], August 29th, 1489. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Katherine, in the parish Church of the blessed Mary of Horley. To the said Church two torches, each of the value of xiii *s.* iiii *d.*; John Cooper my eldest son; William Cooper my second son; my daughters Agnes, Margery, and Joan; the residue of my goods and chattels to Joan, my wife, whom I appoint my sole executrix; and constitute my cousin John Cooper supervisor of this my will; and I desire that they dispose of my said goods for my soul as they shall deem expedient.

Proved November 12th, 1489*.

THOMAS ROOSE, ESQ.

Thomas Roose, of Eton in Buckinghamshire, May 4th, 1489. My body to be buried in that Church. To my

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[1] Ancestor of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shaftesbury.

* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. p. 393.

two daughters Elizabeth and Florence XL *l.* each. And I appoint Agnes my wife, Thomas Burghe, and Abraham Clarke, my executors. Proved February 10th, 1490 [1].

PAUL DARELL, ESQ.

Paul Darell, Esquire, January 24th, 1490 [2]. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of Lyllingst Darell. To every altar in the said Church V *l.*; to the torches there VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to poor people at my burying; to Thomas Darell my son. And I appoint William Rysley, John Pygott, and Mr. John Brigge, Parson of Lyllehamsted, my executors. Proved May 15th, 1491.

SIR GILBERT STAPYLTON, KNT.

Sir Gilbert Stapylton, October 28th, 1490. My body to be buried in the Blackfriars within Ludgate, London. To the Abbess of Aston Church, in Buckinghamshire, a girdle of silver gilt, to hang at an image of our Lady in the said Church; I bequeath my antiphon unto Howsall Church, where I was born, to pray for my soul and for the soul of Mr. Thomas Tate; I will that my goods be sold, and a priest founded therewith to sing for my soul in the Church of Abbey Eston, as far and as long as the goods will reach. And I appoint Mr. William Putnam and Sir Thomas Crofton my executors. Proved November 8th, 1490.

PHILIP AGMONDESHAM.

Philip Agmondesham, Citizen and Mercer of London,

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[1] Query, 1490-1? [2] Ibid.

May 4th, 1490. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Lawrence in the Old Jewry, London. To the Church of Bekenyssed, in the County of Bucks, a torch of wax; to the Church of Oborne a torch of wax, and towards repairing and making the steeple of Oborne VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to my cousin Ralf Agmondesham my best gown and XX *l.*; to the Church of Agmondesham XX *s.*; I will that Margaret, my wife, and John, my son, be jointly seised in the parish of Agmondesham, in the county of Bucks, excepting what John Bertelott late held, being of the yearly value of IV *l.* And I constitute Margaret, my wife, Christopher Hawe, Citizen and Mercer, and John Agmondesham, and Ralf Agmondesham, my sons, overseers of this my will.

DRUGO BRUDENELL.

Drugo Brudenell, of Chalfont St. Giles, Esquire[1]. My body to be buried at Amersham. My manors of Chalfont and Hugeley. I will that my heir have my manors of West Tilbury and Finchingfield, in the county of Essex; to all my sons excepting my eldest son and William c marks, and to each of my daughters cc marks when twenty-one years of age. Proved 7 Henry VII. 1491-2.

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[1] Apparently eldest son of Edmund Brudenell, whose Will will be found in p. 282, the ancestor of the Earls of Cardigan. The said Drue Brudenell was Justice of the Peace 13th Edward IV. and Sheriff of Bedford and Bucks 1st Richard III. He married Helen, daughter of John Broughton, of Toddington, and is said to have died 14th March, 1489 (1490), which must be erroneous, if the conjecture is correct, that the said Drue was the testator, for his will is stated to be dated 13th May, 1490. His issue is said soon to have become extinct in the male line. Collins, vol. ii. p. 495.

RICHARD ISHAM.

Richard Isham [1], son of Robert Isham, of the county of Northampton; my sons Richard and Robert, and my daughter Dorothy. And I constitute Alice, my wife, my executrix. Proved 1490 *.

SIR THOMAS FITZ-WILLIAM, KNT.

Thomas Fitz-William, of Mablethorpe, Knight, 15th June 1494. My body to be buried at the Priory of Hagenby, in the county of Lincoln. Thomas my father; Margaret my wife; George and William my sons *.

SIR JOHN FOGGE, KNT.

John Fogge, Knight, 15th June, 1490. My body to be buried in the Church of Ashetisforde, in a tomb there ordained by me for that purpose. I bequeath my jewels and ornaments to the said Church, for the honour and worship of God; to Alys, my wife, I bequeath my manors of Repton and Cheryton, and my lands called Stone in Romney Marsh, and all other my lands purchased in the parish of Ashetisforde, except two acres for my wife, and in Westhythe, unto John Fogge, Esquire, and the heirs of his body coming; remainder the heirs of my own body coming; remainder to my nephew John Foughter in like manner; remainder to my own right heirs for ever; I bequeath my manors of Oveu, Hepynton, Dane, and Hyrkesdale, and my lands purchased of Broke, beside Hyrkesdale, to my wife, until she shall have raised 300 *l.* for the . . . . . [2] of my three daughters Anne, Elizabeth, and

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[1] Apparently ancestor of the Baronets of that name.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

[2] Query, portions?

Margaret, and after to her for her use during life; and after her death I bequeath the manor of Dane to John Fogge, my son, and the heirs of his body coming; and in default thereof, then, with the like remainder as before, in the manors of Cheriton, Repton, and Stone; and as to my manors of Oven, Hepyngton, and Kyrkesdale, and my lands purchased of Broke Krykesdale, then to my son Thomas Fogge, with the like remainder as above declared; and as to my manor of Tonford, to my said son Thomas, with remainders as aforesaid; and whereas I have purchased of John Bett the reversion of a tenement and certain lands in Ashetisforde, I will that after his decease, and the decease of Margery Walton, mother of the said John Bett, the said tenement to four of the most trystiest and discrete dwellers of the said parish, so that always none of my children nor any of their heirs be any of the said four, to the intent that the whole revenues coming of the same, over the necessary reparations and rents paid out of the same, be paid yearly to the wardens of the said Church for the time being, to be applied by them in and about the said Church, for the reparation thereof; also I will that the wardens of the same for the time being, shall find of the revenues of the same two tapers of a pound apiece, upon the great candlesticks in the quire, to burn every high double feast, most principle in the yere; and also III *s.* IV *d.* to be paid to the vicar, and his successors, for an obit yerely, for me to be done in the said Church for evermore; also I will that when two of the said four dwellers decease, that the other two make good state of the same to four other like dwellers, other than my children, or their heirs, as aforesaid, that the same may be continued for evermore; and as to my manors of Walmer and Mongeham, after the recovery of the same; I will that xx marks a year of the revenues thereof be paid to John Kyriell, Esquire, during his natural life, and the remainder of the revenues thereof, to go towards the discharging of the aforesaid ccc *l.* so as the manors and lordships above assigned for the same may be the sooner discharged; and then I bequeath the said manors, lands, and appurtenances, to Thomas Fogge my son, with the like re-

mainders, as is afore rehearsed; also, as to my stuff that belongeth to my Chapel at Repton, I will that it remain unto my son John Fogge, except that my wife shall have thereof a vestment of velvet, a masse booke, which she will choose of the twayne, two basyns of silver for the aultar, a crosse of silver and gilt, II cruetts silver and gilt, and a sakeryng bell gilt, which basons, cross, cruets, and sakering bell shall be to her for lyfe, or as long as she shall remain sole, and on her decease or marriage the same to remain to the use of the said Chapel for my said son, or his heirs then being alive. And I constitute my executors the Reverend Fadyr in God, Majister James Goldwell, Bishop of Northwich[1], Dame Mistogge, Maister Nicholas Goldwell, John Fineux, and Squire Thomas Wylmott, Vicar of Ashertisforde; further I will that my son John Fogge shall bear and pay all manner of cost and charges for the recovery of the manors of Ostywhanger, Walmer, and Mongeham, towards which he shall receive of my executors L *l.* and after the recovery of the same, I will that John, my son, shall have the said manor of Ostywhanger, with such remainders as is before declared, bearing the charges of the said annuities of XX marks unto John Kyriell, Esquire. This my said will, otherwise before ordained notwithstanding, unto which I have set my sign manuel. Proved at Canterbury.

MARGARET LADY MOYLE.

Margaret Moyle, relict of Walter Moyle, Knt. 20th January 1491[2]. My body to be buried in the quire of the blessed Mary of Estewell, close to the sepulture of the said Walter Moyle; to the fabrick of the steeple of Charyng XL *s.*; Richard and John Moyle, my sons; Lucia Clerke, my daughter. Proved 1st June 1493, at Canterbury.

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[1] Bishop of Norwich. [2] Query, 1491-2?

THOMAS ROPER.

Thomas Roper[1], Gentleman, of the parish of Wyngham, 14th December 1492. My body to be buried in the Church aforesaid. I bequeath x marks to the repair of the body of the said Church.

Proved 22d October 1493, at Canterbury.

RICHARD EARL RIVERS.

Richard Wodvill Earl Rivers[2], February 20th, 1490[3]. My body to be buried in the Abbey of St. James at Northampton, in a place made ready for the same. To the parish Church of Grafton all such cattle as I now have at Grafton, viz. two oxen, five kine, and two bullocks, to the intent that they shall yearly keep an obit for my soul, viz. dirige and mass of requiem by the curate, four priests, and four clerks, also a herse and four tapers, every priest taking for his wages v *d.* and every clerk III *d.*; I will that the Lord Thomas Marquess Dorset[4] be my heir, to whom I therefore bequeath all my lands; and I desire him to cause as much underwood in the woods at Grafton to be sold as will buy a bell to be a tenor at Grafton to the bells now there, for a remembrance of the last of my blood*.

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[1] Apparently of the family from which the Right Hon. Lord Teynham is descended.

[2] Last Earl Rivers of the House of Wodville. He succeeded as heir to his brother Anthony, 2d Earl Rivers, K.G. the brother-in-law of Edward IV. whose will is inserted in a former page, and died s. p. 6th March, 1490-1. [3] 1490-1.

[4] This Thomas Marquess of Dorset was the testator's nephew, being the son of his sister Elizabeth, Queen of King Edward IV. by her first husband, John Grey, Lord Ferrers of Groby.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 233.

MARGARET DUCHESS OF NORFOLK.

Margaret Dutchess of Norfolk[1], May 13th, 1490. My body to be buried in the quire of the Church of our Lady in Stoke, before the image on the side of the high altar; I will that immediately after my decease, besides the day of my burying, my executors find three hundred priests, secular and religious, to say three hundred masses and diriges for my soul, within eight or ten days after my decease, every priest having for his labour IV *d.*; also I will that my executors, with as much speed as may be, find two virtuous priests to sing in the Church of Stoke, for the space of three years, for my soul, as also for the soul of my husband John Norreys, Esquire, and of all others unto whom I am beholden; to my daughter, the Lady Berners, and to my son, her husband, all my household goods except plate, as also what belongs to my Chapel, with the chalice, but I will that of my plate they shall have two great pots of silver, two flaggons, and six great bowls with covers; to my daughter Marney[2], a chain of water-flowers; to the reparation of the Church of Stoke V marks; to the guild of St. John in Stoke XX *s.*, to keep my obit and to pray for me; to the house of St. John of Colchester XXVI *s.* VIII *d.*; to the nuns of Brusyard and friars of Clare the like sum; to the house of St. Botolph's, to the Gray Friars and the Friars of Sudbury XXVI *s.* VIII *d.* each, to keep my obit and to pray for me. And I appoint Edmund Daniel, Esquire, and Thomas Swayne, Vicar of the Church of Stoke Neyland, my executors; and I constitute my Lord and son the Earl of Surry,

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[1] She was the daughter of Sir John Chedworth, Knight, and second wife of John Howard, 1st Duke of Norfolk, K. G. by whom he had Katherine, wife of John Bourchier, Lord Berners.

[2] Neither Dugdale or Collins mention such a daughter in their account of the issue of the Duke of Norfolk. Betham, in his Genealogical Tables, calls her the daughter of the testatrix, by the Duke of Norfolk, and which is probably correct.

supervisor of this my will, to whom I bequeath a cup of gold, and a cross with the foot silver and gilt*.

Proved 3d December 1494.

SIR THOMAS BOURCHIER, KNT.

Thomas Bourgchier, the elder, Knight[1], 17th October 1491. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Ware. I will that the bones of Dame Isabel, my late wife[2], be taken and laid by my bones; for the doing whereof I give xx *l.* for their cost, and x marks for their labour; to my nephew my Lord of Essex, a bed of blue damask; I will that a priest be found to say mass for ten years in the Church of St. Andrew at Baynard's Castle, for my soul. And I appoint Dame Anne, my wife, my executrix.

Proved 19th November 1491.

OLIVER ST. JOHN, ESQ.

In the name of God, Amen. This is the laste will of me Olyver Seynt John, Esquyer[3], sonne to the excellent Dutchesse of Somersett. First, I bequeath my sowle to Almighty God, and to our Lady Seynt Mary, and to the Saynts of Heven; and my body to be buried in the quier

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 267, and Collins' note of this will, vol. i. p. 65.

[1] A younger son of Henry Bourchier, 1st Earl of Essex, K.G. and uncle of Henry 2d Earl of Essex, K.G. Dugdale.

[2] She was the daughter and heir of Sir John Barre, Knight, and widow of Humphrey Stafford, Earl of Devon. Dugdale.

[3] Second son of Sir Oliver St. John, of Lydiard Tregoze, by Margaret, daughter of Sir John de Beauchamp, and sister and sole heir of John Lord Beauchamp, of Bletsho; the said Margaret married, secondly, John Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, K. G. and her daughter by him was the mother of King Henry VII.; her third husband was Lionel Lord Welles.

afore Saynt Andrew, in the parish Church of Stoke. Also I will, that my wife have, duryng her life, all my lands and tenements in Legeard Tregoes, and Polton, with the manor of Borwode and Whatfild-hall, which is myne by the resonne and gift of my Lady my modre, with a place which I purchased in the lordshippe of Hacksmore, called Hillisthing, in Dorsetshire; also I will, that my wife have all suche landes as be myne, by the reason and gift of the Kynge's grace, at Hatfield Peverall, with the ternyns and wayes south, with Depford and Depford Strond, otherwise called West Greenwich; also I will, that she have the lordeship of Garseynton; and that after her decease all the forsaid lordshippes, landes, and tenements, returne unto my sonne John, and to his heirs; also I will, that my wife have the lordeship of Lollam, the which I purchased to give and sell, as in fee simple; moreover I will, that Rauf Rochford have all such landes and tenements as I purchased within the lordeship of Sowth Stoke and North Stoke; also I will, that my wife have all my goodes, moveable and unmoveable, and that she occupie as myne executor, sole by herself, and to dispose all my goodes for the helth of my sowle, as she thinks best. Thees being witnesses, Master Richard Bullok, John Writh, Henry Bigote, and Rauf Rochford, with other yeomen; and made the seconde daye of Marche, in the year of oure Lord God MCCCCLXXXXVI.*

GEORGE LORD ABERGAVENNY.

George Nevill, Knight, Lord of Abergavenny[1], July 1, 1491. Being sick, &c. My body to be buried in the Monastery of St. Pancras, called the Priory of Lewes, in Sussex, on the South side of the altar, where I have late made a tomb for my body. I will that twenty-four poor

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* From Collins' Peerage, vol. vi. p. 69.

[1] He was second Lord Abergavenny of the house of Nevill, and died 20th September 1492.

men, clothed in black, shall carry torches burning at my funeral, and at the celebration of masses for my soul, and that they receive VIII *d.* in money for their pains. Also I will that my executors pay CC marks to the Prior of that house to cause mass to be sung at the altar near the place of my burial every day, and to keep my obit yearly in that church. To George, my son and heir. I will that John[1], my son, and his heirs, shall have the manor of Worfield, in Salop. To William, my son, the manor of Bergnorth, in Norfolk, for life; to Edward, my son, the manor of Hokham, in Norfolk, to him, and his heirs; to Thomas, my son, the manor of Claxhall, in Suffolk, to him and his heirs; to Richard, my son, the manor of Otteley, in Suffolk, to him and his heirs. And I appoint Edmund Bishop of Rochester[2], Sir Henry Heydon, Knight, and James Hobert, Gent. &c. my executors *.

HENRY VERE, ESQ.

Henry Vere, of Addington, Esquire, 1493. My daughters, Elizabeth, Anne, Constance, and Audley.

WILLIAM MARQUESS BERKLEY.

William Marquess Berkley[3], February 5, 1491[4]. My body to be buried in the Church of the Friars Augustines,

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[1] This John is omitted by Dugdale and Collins.

[2] Edmund Audley was Bishop of Rochester from 1480 to 1492.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 309, Collins' Abstract, vol. vi. p. 291, and MS. notes.

[3] He was the son and heir of James Lord Berkley, by Isabel, daughter and coheir of Thomas Moubray, Duke of Norfolk, K.G. In the 21st Edward IV. he was created a Viscount in 1481, advanced to the Earldom of Nottingham in 1483, and appointed Earl Marshal of England 1st Henry VII. in the 4th of whose reign

in London. I will that my executors shall cause two Friars to sing perpetually in the White Friars in Fleet-street, in the suburbs of London, at the altar of St. Gascon, for my soul, and the souls of my father and mother, my wives' souls, and the soul of my son, Sir Thomas Berkley, for evermore; and likewise another friar, perpetually to sing in the Grey Friars at Gloucester, for my soul, and the souls aforesaid. Also I will that my executors shall purchase lands to the value of x marks yearly, therewith to found a perpetual chantry at the altar of our Lady of Petre, in Epworth, in the County of Lincoln, to pray for the souls aforesaid. Also I will that they shall purchase more lands, to the value of xxii marks, therewith to find two perpetual priests at Longbrigge, one of them to sing daily in the Chapel of the Trinity there, and the other in the Chapel of the Church of Berkley, where my father and my said son lie buried, to pray for their souls for evermore. Also I will that my executors dispose of c marks in building a house at Longbrigge for those Priests to dwell in. To buy ornaments and vestments for the Chapel at Longbrigge XL marks. Also I will that my executors shall purchase a pardon from Rome, as large as might be had, for plein remission of the sins of all those who shall be confessed and contrite at Longbrigge, from even song to even song in the feast of the Trinity, and there say pater-nosters and three aves for my soul, and the souls aforesaid. I will that the

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he was advanced to the dignity of a Marquess; considering the high share he possessed of the favour of Edward IV. and Henry VII. it is very singular that he was never honoured with the Order of the Garter. He was thrice married, first, to Elizabeth, daughter of Reginald Lord Delawarr, from whom he was divorced; secondly, to Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Strangways, and widow of Sir William Willoughby, Knight, by whom he had Thomas and Katherine, who died young; their mother died on St. Matthias's day, 1st Richard III. 24th February 1484. His third wife was Ann, daughter of John Fiennes, Lord Dacre, who survived him, and re-married Sir Thomas Brandon, Knight. The Marquess died s. p. s. February 14, 1492.

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manors of Donyngton, Thwayts, &c. shall remain to Thomas Earl of Derby[1], if I die without issue of my body, according to indentures made between him and me. To Anne, my wife*.

STEPHEN ROPER.

Stephen Roper, of Goutherst. To John Roper, of Tysherst, John Roper of Staplehurst, my sons; my sons, Stephen Roper and William Roper.

SIR HUMPHREY TALBOT, KNT.

Humphry Talbot, Knight, Marshal of the town of Calais[2], February 18th, 1492. I will that a priest shall pray for my father and mother, and for the prosperity of my sister Elizabeth Dutchess of Norfolk[3], and for the soul of John Wenlock and Elizabeth his wife; I will that a stone be put into the pillar before the grave of my Lady Mother in Paul's, of her portraiture and of her arms, according to the will of John

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[1] Thomas Stanley, K. G. The Manors are recited by Dugdale.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 366, and a MS. note.

[2] He was a younger son of John first Earl of Shrewsbury, by his second wife, Margaret, daughter and coheir of Richard Earl of Warwick, and died at Mount Sinai without issue: his wife was Mary, daughter and heir of John Champernoun. Collins. Vide her will in a subsequent page.

[3] Under Dugdale's account of the family of Moubray, vol. i. p. 131, he states that John Moubray, the last Duke of Norfolk, married Elizabeth, daughter of John first Earl of Shrewsbury, which is corroborated by the above will; but he does not mention her in speaking of the issue of that nobleman, and Collins, in his History of the Talbot family, omits noticing her in the proper place, and merely speaks of her in p. 21 as the *aunt* of Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton.

Wenlock[1]; also I will that the son of Wenlock have the lordships of Tresham, in the County of Gloucester, for life, after the death of my wife; and that my nephew Sir Gilbert Talbot[2] have the rule of my lordship of Glossop, with remainder to Humphrey Talbot, my nephew's son.

Proved 11th November 1492.

THOMAS LOVETT, ESQ.

Thomas Lovett, of Astwell, in Northamptonshire, October 29th, 7 Henry VII. My body to be buried in the Abbey of Bitlesden, by my wife; to Joan, my wife, late wife of John Hawlys[3], one of the Justices of the Common Pleas; to Thomas Lovett, my son and heir by the said Joan my wife; to Nicholas Lovett my son; my term of years in Wedon Pinkeney; to Isabel Lovet and Margaret, my daughter, c *l.* which John Boteler oweth me; to Thomas Thorne my brother; to Richard Osborne my son; John Thorne my brother; to my brother John a crimson gown; to Richard Osborne's wife; to brother Thomas a cross bow; to Stephen Hawlys, son and heir of Joan my wife.

Proved 28th January 1492.

EDWARD VISCOUNT L'ISLE.

Edward Viscount L'isle[4], January 17th, 1492. My body to be buried in the new tomb in the new Chapel of our

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[1] Vide the Will of this John Wenlock, and a note thereon, p. 343.

[2] Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton. He was the son of his half-brother, John 2d Earl of Shrewsbury.

[3] Beatson's Political Index, vol. i. p. 302, states that *John Haugh* was appointed one of the Puisne Justices of the Common Pleas February 3, 1487, but does not mention any *John Hawlys*.

[4] Edward Grey. He was second son of Edward Grey, Lord Ferrers of Groby, and brother of John Lord Grey of Groby, whose

Lady, by me begun in the college of Astley, where the body of Elizabeth lieth. To Jane, my now wife [1], all my purchased lands in Warwickshire, for her life; and I will that she amortize certain lands, therewith to endow and find a priest to sing perpetually in the said Chapel for my soul, and the soul of Elizabeth my wife, for the soul of the said Joan, and for all Christian souls; to Margaret and Elizabeth my daughters; I will that my wife shall have the governance of my son and of his lands, and likewise the marriage of him; whereas my brother is steward of my manor of Drayton, in the county of Stafford *.

Proved 26th August 1492.

HENRY LORD GREY.

10th September, 1492. I, Henry Lord Gray [a], make my last will and testament. I will my body to be buried in the

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widow married King Edward IV. In consequence of his marriage with Elizabeth Talbot, sister and heir of Thomas Talbot, Viscount L'Isle, he was, 15th Edward IV. created Baron L'Isle, and 28th June, 1st Richard III. Viscount L'Isle.

[1] Vide her will in a subsequent page.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 722, and MS. notes.

[a] Henry last Lord Grey of Codnor; Dugdale says, that he "much affecting the study of chymistry, in the 3d Edward IV. obtained a licence from the King to practise the transmutation of metals by his philosophical skill: how he sped therein I cannot say;" and that for his services to the King he obtained several extensive grants. That eminent writer does not state who he married; but although from his Will it would appear that Katherine, whom he describes as the Duchess of Norfolk's daughter, was not living when that instrument was made, yet, from a note in Glover's autograph, it is evident that she must have been so, for that correct genealogist says she married to her *second* husband ..... Ailmer. The Katherine in question was the daughter of Thomas Strangeways, by Katherine, daughter of Ralph Nevill, Earl of Westmoreland, and widow of John Moubray, Duke of Norfolk. The only farther information we possess of this Lord Grey is, that he died 8th April 1496, s. p. l. aged about sixty-one years.

Chancel of our Lady in the Fryers of Aylesford. I give to my wife Katherine half of my moveables, she to have for her jointure Aylesford and Hoo Hundred in Kent, Thurrock Grey in Essex, Bitham Park, Stoking, and Southwitham, in Lincolnshire, Sapcote, and . . . . . and III pounds in Staunton, in Leicestershire, Langwinter Bassetts, in Derbyshire, and that she have the rule of my three sons[1] till they be 18 years old. I owe to my cousin, Sir Thomas Barrow, xx *l.* I give to the White Friars of Nottingham the rent of Barton Mills, with the new Fish Garte, to find a friar or priest to pray for my soul after my decease, and for the soul of Margaret, that was my wife, my father's soul, and my mother's soul, and for the soul of Katherine, that was my wife, which was the Duchess of Norfolk's daughter, and for all my kin's souls. Also I will that Richard Grey, my bastard son, have my manor of Ratcliffe-upon-Trent, in Nottinghamshire, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. If he die without heirs of his body, I will that it go to the two Henries, my bastards, to have to them, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, for ever. Also I will that the same two Henries, my bastards, have the manors of Tonton and Barton, in Nottinghamshire, to them and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever. If it happen the one die without heirs of his body, then the other to have all the whole Lordships for evermore. Also I will that little Harry[2], my bastard, which is Katherine Flindern's son, have Cicely Charlton to his wife; and I will that my cousin, Sir Thomas Barrow, pay a hundred pounds to the marriage of Richard Grey, and the greater Harry, my bastards, or else that the land of his part stand still in feoffees' hands, till two hundred marks be raised and paid to the marriage of the said two children. I will that my wife have the rule of my three sons till they be 18 years of age. Also I will that my cousin Zouch[3] deliver his son and heir according to his

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[1] His natural sons.

[2] Ancestor of the Greys of Langley, co. Leicester.

[3] Dugdale states, that Elizabeth, the aunt of the testator (sister

writing, which my wife hath the bill of, or else to pay six hundred marks of money to me or mine executors, to go to the payment of my debts, and to my burial, and performance of my will at Aylesford. I will that Lentall part[1] and Newport part[1] of my land, and that each one of my household servants have an annuity, or yearly fee or rent, for term of their lives, going out of those two parts yearly. And if any of mine heirs will not fulfil this my last will, that then I will that their part stand still in my feoffees and executors hands for term of forty years, to fulfil this my last will; the residue of my goods I bequeath to

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of his father Henry Lord Grey), and wife of Sir John Zouch, was his heir.

[1] Sic in the MS. It is difficult to explain the meaning of this passage, excepting that persons named Lentall and Newport were to have part of his lands, and which is in some degree confirmed by the following extract from Leland, cited by Banks: "The last Lord Grey of Codnor left three daughters, whereof one was married to Sir Rowland Lentalle, of Notynghamshire; another to Newport in Shropshire; and the third to one Souche, a younger brother of the house of the Lord Souches. Thes three had the Lord Grayes landes in copartition, whereof the Lordship of Ailresford, in Kent, and How Hundred, was parte. There were some of the Lord Grayes of Codnor buried at Ailresford Friars. Lentall dyenge without issue male, left two daughters; whereof one called Catarine was married to one of the Lord Zouches, the other to Cornwale Baron of Barford, and so cam they to be copartners in the Lord Grey of Codnor's lands." It is evident from this Will, and from the Inquisition cited by Dugdale, that the *last* Lord Grey of Codnor left no legitimate issue, and hence if he really had the daughters mentioned by Leland, they must have been his natural daughters. In Blore's Rutland, Richard Lord Grey of Codnor, K. G. the grandfather of the testator, is said to have left a daughter, Lucy, who married Rowland Lentall, who was living 13th Henry VI. and who left by the said Lucy two daughters and coheirs, Elizabeth, wife of Cornwall, and Katherine, who married William Lord Zouche, of Haryngworth, which corroborates Leland's statement. In this imperfect state of the printed accounts of the coheirs of the last Baron Grey of Codnor, the Editor is happy to be able to add the following statement, taken from Vincent's Baronage, in the College of Arms,

Katherine my wife. Thomas the Archbishop of York[1], my cousin Sir Thomas Barrow, Sir John Babington, Knight, John Abbot of Darley, Prior Richard of Lenton, Thomas Prior of Newstead, Thomas Leak, whom I make and ordain mine executors. And they to garre to make a tomb over me like my Lord Beamonde's tomb at Sempringham. In witness whereof, &c.*

GEOFFREY SHERARD, ESQ.

Geoffrey Sherard[2], Esquire, December 10th, 1492. My body to be buried in the Church of All Saints of Stapleford. My three daughters and four sons; to my daughter Isa-

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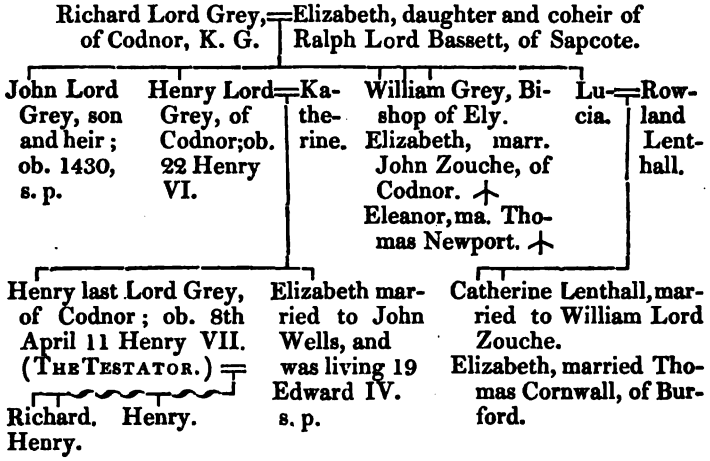
(obligingly communicated to him by Francis Townsend, Esquire,) and which he presumes explains the facts of the case.



[1] Thomas Rotheram. * Harl. MSS. 245, f. 160.

[2] From whom the Right Hon. the Earl of Harborough is lineally descended. It is evident that it is this Geoffrey Sherard whom Collins (vol. iv. p. 362-363) describes as being Sheriff of Rutland 8th and 20th Edward IV. and 1st Richard III.; he however says that his wife, Joyce, died September 16, 1492, about two years *after* him, which is an error. It is also said that this Geoffrey had seven sons and seven daughters. If this be correct, seven of his children must have died before him, for he expressly speaks in his Will of his "*three daughters and four sons.*"

bella; to Geoffrey Sherard, son of Thomas Sherard[1]; to Thomas Sherard, brother of Geoffrey; my sons William, Laurence, and Robert. Proved February 6th, 1492-1493.

JOHN DENTON.

John Denton, 6th September 1493. I will that my wife, if living sole, have all my lands in Oxfordshire and Berkshire. To my brother Philip Purefoy's father; to my father Browne, and my mother, his wife. My manor of Foxcote, during the non-age of my son. And I appoint Isabel[2] my executrix. Proved 17th November, 1497.

SIR JOHN STOURTON, KNT.

John Stourton, Knight[3], August 18, 1484. My body to be buried in the Chapel of the Chantry of the Virgin in the parish of Mere. And I will that my obit, and the obit of my wife Katherine, be kept in the said Chantry. To Katherine, my wife, my manor of Over-moigne, in the County of Dorset. Proved 1st July, 1493.

SIR JAMES BLOUNT, KNT.

James Blount, Knight, July 24th, 1492. My body to be buried in the Church of the Grey Friars, near Newgate, in London. I desire that the wills of my father, and of my Lord my brother, be fulfilled and performed by my executors. I will that my wife Elizabeth have my manor of Bylston, with remainder to my nephew, William Blount. And I appoint Elizabeth, my wife, and Robert Lytton, Esquire, Under Treasurer of England, my executors.

Proved 24th May, 1493.

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[1] This Thomas appears to have been his son and heir.

[2] Query, his wife?

[3] Third Lord Stourton. He married Katherine, daughter of Sir Maurice Berkley, but died s. p.

SIR ROGER TOWNSHEND, KNT.

Roger Townshend, Knight[1], August 14, 1493. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Katherine, in the Church of St. Mary of Raynham, if I die there; but if I depart this life in London I will that I be buried in the Church of the White Friars, in Fleet-street, before the crucifix. I appoint my wife my sole executrix, and will that she have the governance of my eldest son Roger Townshend*.

HENRY FINCH.

Henry Finch[2], January 18th, 9th Henry VII. 1494. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Nicholas of Iklesham. And I will that one hundred masses be said for my soul, and the souls of my ancestors, within one month next after my decease. To the reparation of the said Chapel of St. Nicholas, and the building of an altar like to the altar in the Church of Iklesham, XL*s.*; to the reparation of the said Church XL*s.*; to the mending of the ways between Clegge Cross and Iklesham-street, XL*s.* I will that my executors suffer Alice, my wife[3], to take the profits of all my lands, &c. as well within the franchise as without, till such time as she receives cc*l.* to be applied to the marriage of my two daughters. Also I will that my younger sons have out of the said lands their sufficient finding during their nonage, by the guiding and oversight of my said wife; also that my said wife and executor shall receive the yearly sum of XX *l.* out of the profits of my manor of Nethersele, until

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[1] Ancestor of the Lord Viscount Townshend. This Sir Roger Townshend was appointed Justice of the Common Pleas 1485, and was knighted at Worcester by Henry VII. He died 8th Hen. VII.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. vi. p. 38.

[2] From whom the Right Hon. the Earl of Winchelsea and Nottingham, K.G. is lineally descended.

[3] She was the daughter and heir of Philip Belknap, of the Moat near Canterbury, uncle to Sir Edward Belknap.

the sum of c*l.* be fully received, the which sum I will be bestowed for the health of my soul at their discretion. I will that Alice, my wife, shall have her choice, either to have the manor of Iklesham, with the appurtenances, in the name of her jointure, or else the jointure that is assigned to her. Also I will that Henry, my son, when he comes to the age of twenty-one years, shall have the marsh at Dymesdale during the life of his mother, as also my lands at Winchelsea. To Philip, my son, my land called Donham, during his mother's life; and after her decease my manor of Morley, with the appurtenances, in fee tail, and, in default of issue, with remainder to my son William, and Henry, my youngest son, and their issue. And I constitute Alice, my wife, and Edward Belknap, Esquire, my executors*. Proved May 18th, 1493.

ISABEL LADY SAPCOTE.

Dame Isabel Sapcote, wife of Sir Richard Sapcote, of Burley, in the County of Rutland. My body to be there buried. My son, Thomas Sapcote, and my daughter, Jane Sapcote. Isabel Palmer, daughter of my daughter, Jane Nevill. Isabel, wife of Richard Flore. To three priests to say masses for the souls of Sir John Fraunces and Sir Richard Sapcote, my husbands. Proved 1493†.

THOMAS WILMOTT, CLERK.

Thomas Wilmott, perpetual Vicar of the Parish Church of Ashford, 25th April, 1493. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Nicholas, in the Church aforesaid. I will that the image of St. Mary, now standing in my study, be

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iii. p. 274.

† Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

placed at my expence in the said Chapel of St. Nicholas. I bequeath my goods and household furniture to my successors in the Vicarage, on this condition, viz. if the foundation of the College by King Edward IV. shall remain firm and stable, provided that my executors, before the delivery of the same, shall cause to be made an inventory, with praisement of every thing therein, tripartite, of which one part shall remain with them, the second with my future successor, and the third with the Churchwardens, to the intent the same may continue to my future successor from time to time for ever.

Proved 29th April, 1493, at Canterbury.

ALEXANDER CLIFFORD, ESQ.

Alexander Clyfford, of Bobbing, Esq.[1] 3d September, 1494. My body to be buried in the said Church in the Chapel of our Lady there, next to Margaret, my wife. To Lewis my eldest son, Christopher my second son, Humphry, Sampson, Thomas, and Richard Clyfford, my younger sons. I bequeath my manor of Sutton Valence, with its appurtenances, to Lewis, my son, in tail; remainder to the heirs of my body; remainder to Elizabeth, wife of William Laycroft, my sister, in tail; remainder to John Clyfford, my uncle, in like tail; remainder to Lewis Blewet, in like tail; remainder to Nicholas Colepepper, and his heirs for

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[1] Son of Lewis Clifford (who died vita patris) and grandson and heir of William Clifford, Esquire, son of Sir Lewis Clifford, K. G. (whose Will is inserted in p. 164); ancestor of the Lords Clifford of Chudleigh. It is said in Collins' Peerage, vol. vii. p. 157, that this Alexander Clifford married Margaret, daughter of Walter Colepeper, who died 19 January 1488, and "by her had two sons, Nicholas and Richard, from whom the Cliffords of Kent are descended." It is singular, if this statement be correct, that the testator does not mention his son *Nicholas*, and from the particular manner in which he describes his sons, it may be doubted if he had a son of that name.

evermore. Meldred, wife of Lewis Clifford. I bequeath my manor of Shorne to Lewis, my son, in tail male; remainder to the heirs of my body lawfully begotten; remainder to the heirs general of my body as aforesaid; remainder to the said Elizabeth, in tail; remainder to John Clyfford, my uncle, in tail; remainder to the said John Clyfford's heirs general for ever; remainder to John St. Leger of Edcombe, in tail male; remainder to Nicholas Colepepper aforesaid for evermore. I bequeath my manor of Bobbing, and my manor or tenement called Ilstede, with their appurtenances, to Lewis, my son, in tail (charged with certain annuities to my younger sons); remainder to the heirs of my body; remainder to my sister in like tail; remainder to John, my uncle, in like tail; remainder to John St. Leger, in tail male; remainder to the said Nicholas Colepepper, and his heirs for ever. And I will that, after the decease of the said Mildred, the said Lewis, my son, have my manor of Bracie, with it appurtenances, in tail male; remainder to my heirs male; remainder to Elizabeth, my sister, in tail male; remainder to my uncle John, in tail male; remainder to John St. Leger, in tail male; remainder to Nicholas Colepepper in fee. A water-mill, called Kingsmill, in Middleton, a place called Chechyley, in Newington. My lands, rents, and fee-farm of Berley, belonging to the Chapell Chesyllkeld.

Proved 1494, at Canterbury.

KATHERINE DUDLEY.

Katherine Dudley, March 1, 1492[2]. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of Stowe; and I bequeath all my goods to the disposition of Richard Lord Latimer[1], whom I constitute my executor. Proved March 4, 1493.

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[1] Richard Nevill, Lord Latimer. [2] 1492-3.

SIR ROBERT TALBOYS, KNT.

Robert Talboys, Knight, Lord of Kyme and Redisdale[1], November 16th, 1494. My body to be buried in the Priory of Kyme, on the North side of the Choir, and there I will have a tomb with a picture of me, and another of my wife. My son George; my son William; my two sons, Robert and John. Whereas a marriage is intended between George, my son, and Elizabeth, sister to Sir William Gascoigne, Knight; I will that my manor of Faldingworth, and the advowson of the Church, and the manor of Rotringham, in Lancashire, be settled on my son, William Talboys, for life. I will that my manors of Newton, Kyme, Hornington, and Oxton, in the County of York, be settled on Robert Talboys, my son, for life. My sons John, William, Robert, and Richard. My daughters. I will that an obit be kept yearly for me in the Priory of Kyme; and the like obit in the Priory of Bolington, in Lincoln. And I appoint William Hussee, Thomas Welby, and Thomas Wymbishe, my executors. Proved 19th June, 1495.

EDMUND VERNEY, ESQ.

Edmund Verney[2], February 24, 1494[3]. My body to be buried in the Conventual Church of the Friars Preachers at Warwick, between the altar of our Lady and the altar of

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[1] Ancestor of Gilbert Talboys, who was summoned to Parliament 27 Henry VIII. Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of this Gilbert Lord Talboys, married Thomas Wimbish, Esquire, who claimed the barony jure uxoris, but having no issue by her, it was solemnly determined before Henry VIII. "that neither Mr. Wymbish, nor none other from thenceforth, should use the style of his wife's dignity but such as by courtesy of England hath also right to her possessions for term of his life." Collins on Baronies, p. 11.

[2] Ancestor of the Lord Willoughby de Broke.

[3] Query, 1494-5?

St. Dominick, on the North part. I will that my executors cause a lamp to be continually maintained burning in the Chancel of that Church before the Host*.

SIR RALPH HASTINGS, KNT.

Ralph Hastings, of Wanstead, in Essex, Knight[1], 17th September 1495. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Bridget of Middlesex, if I may be suffered to be buried there; otherwise, in the Abbey of Barking. To Amy, my daughter, to her marriage; to Ann Longfield, daughter of Sir John Longfield, Knight, my little primer; to my brother, Sir Richard Hastings, Lord Willoughby[2], my best horse, with the saddle, &c. And I appoint Amy, my wife, my executrix; to the which Amy I bequeath all my manors and lands in Wansted and Woolriche, in the Counties of Essex and Kent. Proved 1st December, 1495.

JOHN COOPER, ESQ.

John Cooper, of Hertyng, Esquire[3], May 16, 1495. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin of Hertyng. To the Churches of St. Mary of

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* From Collins' Abstract, vol. vi. p. 398.

[1] Younger son of Leonard Hastings, and brother of William first Lord Hastings, and of Richard Hastings Lord Welles. Vide his father's will, p. 368.

[2] His brother Richard Hastings was summoned to Parliament as Lord Welles 22 Edward IV. from having married Joane, the sister and heir of Sir Robert Welles; he was called by his brother Lord Willoughby, because the mother of the said Joane was the daughter and heiress of Robert sixth Lord Willoughby of Eresby.

[3] Immediate ancestor of the Right Honourable the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Durford and St. Mary of Peter, where I have lands, XL *s.* each. For a priest to say mass in the Church of Hertyng for my soul, and the souls of my ancestors, x *l.* to be paid by my executors. To John, my son, after the decease of Alice, my wife, my manor of Bosham, with the appurtenances, as in an indenture to him more plainly appears. To my sons, John and Richard Cooper, my stock of horses, oxen, sheep, and also my lands in the counties of Sussex and Southampton; to my said wife my lands and tenements in Petersfield, in the county of Southampton, to dispose of to my sons as to her may seem expedient. And I appoint her my sole executrix*. Proved Oct. 29, 1495.

SIR JOHN BOURCHIER, KNT.

John Bourchier, Knight[1], June 4, 1495. My body to be buried in the Abbey of Bylegh, by Maldon in Essex, near my Lord father and my Lady mother, beneath their sepulture and tomb; and there I will have a tomb made for me, and both my wives, according to my degree. And I appoint Elizabeth Bourgchier, my wife, my sole executrix. Proved 3d November, 1495.

CECILY DUCHESS OF YORK.

"Cecily, late wife of Richard Duke of York, and mother to King Edward the Fourth[2]," April 1, 1495. My body to

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* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iii. p. 394.

[1] Apparently the fourth son of Henry Bourchier, first Earl of Essex, K. G. whom Dugdale states to have married Elizabeth, the niece and heir of William Lord Ferrers of Groby, and widow of Edward Lord Grey of Groby; it does not appear whether she was his first or second wife, but probably the latter.

[2] She was the daughter of Ralph Nevill, K. G. first Earl of West-

be buried near the body of my late husband, Richard Duke of York, in his tomb within the Collegiate Church of Fotheringay. To my daughter Ann[1] my largest bed of baudekyn, with a counterpoint of the same; to my daughter Katherine[2] a traverse of blue satin; to my daughter of Suffolk[3] my chair with the covering, all my cushions, horses, and harnesses for the same, with all my palfreys; to my son of Suffolk a cloth of estate; to my son Humphrey two altar-cloths of blue damask[4]; to my son William a traverse of white sarcenet; to my daughter Anne, Prioress of Syon, a book of Bonaventure. I bequeath all my plate for carrying my body from the Castle of Berkhamstead to the Castle of Fotheringay. To Dame Jane Pesemershe, widow, mine inn called the George, in Grantham, for her life; with remainder to the College of Fotheringay. And I appoint Mr. Oliver King, Bishop of Bath; Sir Reginald Bray, Knight; and Sir Thomas Lovell, Knight, Councillors to the King's Grace, my executors. And I constitute Sir Henry Heydon, Knight, Steward of my House, supervisor of this my will*.

Proved 27th August, 1495.

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moreland, by his second wife Joan, daughter of John of Gaunt, and married Richard Plantagenet Duke of York, who was killed at the battle of Wakefield December 24th, 1460. Edward, their eldest son, ascended the throne as Edward IV.

[1] She married first, Henry Duke of Exeter; and secondly, Sir Thomas St. Leger; Anne, her daughter and heir by the said Sir Thomas, was the wife of Sir George Manners Lord Roos, from which marriage the present Duke of Rutland is descended.

[2] Query, her grand-daughter, daughter of Edward IV. and wife of William Courtenay, Earl of Devon?

[3] Her daughter Elizabeth, married John De la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, K. G.

[4] This bequest is taken from Dugdale's Abstract, but it is omitted in some MS. notes of this will. It does not appear, from the different pedigrees of the House of York, that she had a son or grandson so called.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 161, and MS. notes.

WILLIAM LENTHALL.

William Lenthall, of Latchford, 1495. To the Church of Lenthall, in which parish I was born, xx *s*. My wife Catherine; my sons Thomas and Edmund. I appoint my son Thomas, and my cousin Nicholas Green, of Haseley, my executors. And Mr. Thomas Danvers, of Water Stoke, overseer *.

KATHERINE MARTIN.

Kateryn Martyn, of the town of Feversham, widow, 14th April, 1495. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas of Ashe, in the same tomb where the body of John Septuans, sometime my husband, resteth. To the Chauntry of the Upper Hall, founded by my husband, for ever xx *s*. annually, of the land which lieth or joineth next unto the said Chauntry, upon this condition, that there be kept annually, in the Parish Church of Ashe, an obit for the souls of my relations and friends. I will that, after the decease of my daughter, Edythe Wygmere, the manor of Shert be divided among the four daughters of my son, John Wygmere, viz. Margaret, Elizabeth, Anne, and Beatrix, each of them to have portion alike, and each to be the other's heir, in case of death; and if they all decease unmarried, then I will that the same be distributed towards maidens' marriages, highways, and other charitable deeds.

Proved 19th January, 1498, at Canterbury.

JOHN FAGGE.

John Fagge, of Linne, 20th April, 1495. My body to be buried in the Church of Linne. I will that my executors lay to keep in Christ Church of Canterbury cxx *l*. unto the time that my children come of age. To the reparation

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

of the body of the Church of Herst IIIs. IVd.; to the reparation of the body of the Church of Westhythe VIs. VIIId.; to the Bedonrou of Courtop-street VS.; to Richard Knatchbull, of Mersham, and John Knatchbull, of Sellinge next Horton; to John Hart, of the same; to Agnes, my wife, my place in Linne, with all the lands there or in Boroughmarsh, during her life; after which I bequeath the same, except twenty-two acres in Boroughmarsh, to John, my son, and the heirs male of his body, and the said twenty-two acres lying in the fee of St. Austin's, Canterbury, to Nicholas, my son, in like manner; to Thomas, my son, my messuage situated at the Roode, in the tenure of Pulton, in the parish of Aldyngton, and other lands in the said tenure and parish, to him and his heirs for ever. I will that, if either of my sons die before the age of twenty-two, or without such heirs as aforesaid, that the survivor shall be the other's heir, and if all should die as aforesaid, then the whole of my lands and tenements shall remain to my daughters, Margaret and Alice, for evermore, excepting my tenement at Aldyngton, with its appurtenances, which I will remain to Thomas William Crosby and his heirs for ever. And if my said daughters die without heirs, then I will that my lands and tenements as aforesaid be sold. Proved at Canterbury.

WILLIAM BENET.

William Benet, son of Robert Benet, of the parish of St. Andrew, in Canterbury. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Augustin, beside Alice my wife. I will IIIIs. IIIId. of quit-rent of the tenement of William Fellow, and now the tenement of John Robinson, also chapman in Clement's lane, the which said rent I will that my feoffees, the Parson of St Andrew's, and the two Wardens of the said Church, have to sustain and keep up the clock of the said Church for evermore. Forasmuch as the Wardens of St. Andrew's have no good in hand, as other Churches have, I will that my executors deliver it to the said Church. I will that my executors buy three hundred feet of Ashler of Folke-

stone stone, to make a wharf about the King's Melle there. I bequeath v *l.* for the reparation of the shambles for strange butchers to occupy every market day; for paving of the streets from St. Andrew's to the Pillory, that the people may go the cleaner thereto, x *l.* I will that Thomas atte Wode have the Beme at Castelgate, with the lands thereto belonging, the which be rehearsed in the bills indented made between the said Thomas and me, he fulfilling the covenants of the same. I will that John à Neve, of Berham, have all the lands and pastures, and xiii *d.* of quit-rent, that I have in the parish of Berham, as it is rehearsed in the bills indented made between the said John and me, the said John à Neve fulfilling the covenants rehearsed in the said bills. I will to certain trustees all the tenements that I have in the parish of St. Mary Bredman, beside Juey-lane, to the welfare and common profit of the city for evermore, except x *s.* duly to be paid yearly for evermore to the Parson of St. Andrew's, or his deputy, and to the two Wardens of the said Church, for certain services for the good of my soul. I will to the angel steeple of Christ Church xiii *s.* iv *d.* Isabella, Alice, Elene, and Garadine, my wives. I will that my executors give the place that Roger Goldfinch dwelleth in, and the ii *s.* of quit-rent that he hath of the tenement sometime of John Goodale, and now the tenement of John White, to the Brethren and Sisters of Maynard Spetell, and to their successors for evermore, they to pray for my soul. I will a stone of value v *l.* be laid over William Chiltone, and over Elene my wife. To the making of the angel steeple x marks [1].

Proved at Canterbury.

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[1] He appears to have been a man of some consideration and wealth, from his many charitable bequests; he lived in St. Andrew's parish, and mentions the place where his father dwelt in Stoure-street, by the name of his "principal place there, with a garden adjoining thereto."

RICHARD PINCHBECK, ESQ.

Richard Pinchbeck, of Pinchbeck, Esq.[1] My body to be buried there. My manor of Hackbichall, and my lands in Bourne, Morton, Witham, Hackenby, and Puxworth. Thomas and John, sons of my son Thomas; Richard, son of my son Richard; Sir Adelard Welby, my uncle. And I appoint Thomas Welby, my nephew, overseer of this my Will.

JOHN SPENCER, ESQ.

John Spencer, of Hodnell, co. Warwick, Esq. My body to be buried at Hodnell. My wife Joane; my son Thomas; my daughter Elizabeth; my daughter Jane, wife of William Cope. And I appoint my nephew, William Spencer, Joan, wife of Walter Graunt, and my nephew John Spencer, my executors. Proved 1496*.

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[1] Supposed to have been dated circa 1495.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire. It appears from Collins' Peerage, vol. i. p. 350, that he was the second son of John Spencer, Esquire, ancestor of the present Duke of Marlborough and Earl Spencer. The abstract of this will in that work differs in a slight degree from the above; it is there stated that it was dated 15th September 1486, and that the testator died in 1498; that he bequeathed his body to be buried in the chancel of the parish Church of Hodenhull, and constituted his nephew John Spencer, of Mitterfield, Knt. son of his brother William, one of his executors, entailing his lands on him in default of issue male of his own son Thomas (from whom the Spencers of Hodnell are descended), and in default of issue of him, the said John, to the heirs male of Thomas, the said John's late brother.

SIR THOMAS BURGH, KNT.

Thomas Burgh, Knight[1], February 18, 1495[2]. My body to be buried in my new Chapel within the Parish Church of All Saints at Gainsborough, in the county of Lincoln, in which I will that a tomb be made at the North end of the altar of the same, with two images or figures thereon, viz. of me in armour, and of my wife, with our arms, and the days of our obits; and I will that the image of me have my mantle of the Garter, and a garter about my leg. Also I will that in the same Chapel there shall be founded a perpetual chuntry of one priest, whom I will be honest, discreet, able and cunning, in reading and singing, to help to serve God and to keep the quire daily in the said Church; also to sing and pray in the said Chapel for my soul and the soul of Dame Margaret my wife, as likewise for the souls of my father and mother, and all my ancestors; and the said priest to have an annual rent of x *l.* for evermore out of my manor of Tunstall; whereas Sir Edward Cornwall, Knight, Lord of Strumache, hath founded another chauntry in the said Church; also I will that a stone be laid upon my mother lying interred in the Abbey of St. James near Northampton, somewhat raised in height, with the arms of my father and mother thereon, and an inscription, for the doing whereof I bequeath x *l.*; also I will that there be founded at Gaynesburgh an hospital for five poor bedemen, for evermore, every one of whom to receive for his support I *d.* a day, and to have every other year a gown of III *s.* IV *d.* price; I will that the said poor men be chosen of such as have done me service, or service to my heirs; and for lack of such, then of those who have been tenants within the town of Gayensburgh, unto me or to my heirs, and come to poverty; I desire that the said

[1] Knight of the Garter; he was created a Baron 29th September, 3 Henry VII.; his wife was Margaret, daughter of Thomas Lord Roos of Kendall, and widow of Sir Thomas Botreaux, Knt. by whom he had the children mentioned in his will.

[2] Query, 1495-6?

five bedemen be daily present at the mass of my chauntry priest, to help him to say *de profundis* in audience, and such of them as be learned, their paternoster, ave, and creed, at the least; to my son Sir Edward, and to his heirs, the barony of Gayensburgh; to my son Thomas, in case he be living, at the day of my burial, to his chamber XL *l.* the one half in plate, and the other in household stuff; to my daughter the Lady Fitz-Hugh, a book of gold enamelled, which was my wife's; to my godson Thomas, eldest son of my son Sir Edward, a cross of gold set with an emerald in the midst, which was my mother's; to my daughter Anne a cross of gold, which was my wife's, set with stones and a great ruby in the midst; I will that my son Sir Edward's three sons Thomas, George, and Humphrey, remain in the keeping of my executors, until they be each twenty years old *. Proved May 19th, 1496.

SIR EDMUND BEDINGFIELD,

Edmund Bedingfield, of Oxburgh, co. Norfolk, at Calais, 1496. I will that my wife Margaret have Denham for life; with remainder to my son Edmund. I bequeath all my lands to my heir. My sons Thomas and Peter. To each of my unmarried daughters cccc marks. I will that a priest pray for the soul of Sir Thomas Tudenham, my uncle †.

WILLIAM NEVILL.

William Nevill, of Carlton, co. Northampton. My son Thomas and his wife, and daughter Margaret. I will that restitution be made to Holt Chapel. Jane, now my wife. And I appoint my son Thomas, and my cousin Palmer, my executors. Proved 1498 †.

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 289, and MS. notes.

† Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

ROBERT RESTWOLDE.

Robert Restwolde, January 8th, 1496[1]. My body to be buried in the Chancel before St. Nicholas in Hedsore. To the making the steeple and mending the seats in the Church of Hedsore x marks; to Robert Ingoldesby III *s.* IV *d.*; to Richard Restwolde, Knight, my nephew, the manor of Hedsore after my decease and the decease of Sybil my wife; to Ralph Restwolde x marks; the rest of my goods I bequeath to the disposition of Richard Restwolde my nephew, Mr. Seymour, Thomas Restwolde, and William Thomson, whom I constitute my executors; and I appoint my Lord Bishop of Salisbury[2] supervisor of this my will.

Proved January 4th, 1497.

JASPER DUKE OF BEDFORD.

Jasper Duke of Bedford and Earl of Pembroke[3], at my manor of Thornbury, in the county of Gloucester, December 15th, 11 Henry VII. 1495. My body to be buried in the monastery of our Lady at Keynsham, in the said county, where I will that my tomb be honourably made after the estate whereunto it has pleased God to call me,

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[1] Query, 1496-7?

[2] John Blyth was Bishop of Salisbury from 1493 to 1500.

[3] Knight of the Garter; he was the son of Owen Tudor, by Catherine, daughter of Charles King of France, widow of Henry V. and uncle of King Henry VII. by whom he was created Duke of Bedford, having been created Earl of Pembroke by his half-brother Henry VI. in the 18th year of his reign; he was also Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and Justice of South Wales; by his wife Katherine, youngest daughter of Richard Earl Rivers, and widow of Henry Duke of Buckingham (who married to her third husband Sir Richard Wingfield, K.G.), he had no issue, and died 26th December 1495.

and thereon to be employed c marks; I will that certain of my lordships and lands lying in the counties of Nottingham, Derby, and Warwick, of the yearly value of XL *l.* be amortized, for the finding of four priests to sing perpetually in the said monastery of Keynsham for the wele of my soul, and for the soul of my father; as also for the souls of Katherine, sometime Queen of England, my mother, Edmund late Earl of Richmond my brother, and the souls of others my predecessors; also I will that upon the day of my interment there be distributed to every poor man and woman that will take it II*d.*; and likewise at my month's mind; to the house of Gray Friars at Harford East, where my father lies interred, my second gown of cloth of gold, to make a cope or vestment there; to every parish Church into which my body shall be carried betwixt this place and Keynsham XX *s.* and two torches *. Proved 2d July 1496.

JANE LADY DYNHAM.

Jane, late wife of Sir John Dynham, Knight [1], 26th January 1496. My body to be buried in the Black Friars Church of Exeter, by my Lord and husband, where our tomb is made; to my son Oliver a suit of vestments; to Charles Dynham my brother; to Charles Dynham my son; to my son John Carew [2]; to my daughter Jane Carew [3]; to

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 242; and MS. Notes.

[1] She was the daughter and heiress of Sir Richard Arches, Knt. and by Sir John Dynham, had John Lord Dynham, K. G. who died 1500, s. p. l. and four daughters, who were eventually coheirs to their brother; viz. Elizabeth, who successively married Fulk Lord Fitz-warine, Sir John Sapcoat, and Sir Thomas Brandon; Katherine, who married Sir Thomas Arundel, ancestor of Lord Arundel of Wardour; Joan, wife of John Lord Zouche of Haryngworth; and Margaret, who married Sir Nicholas Carew, Knight.

[2] Her grandson. [3] Her grand-daughter.

my son Edmund Carew, Knight[1]; to my daughter Jane Zouche to her marriage[2]; to my daughter Katherine Zouche, to her marriage, C marks[3]; to my daughter Margaret Zouche L marks[4]; to my daughter Cecily Zouche[5] L marks; to my son William Zouche[6]; I will that my Lord John Dynham have the remainder of my goods, if he have issue of his body; to my Lady Fitzwarine a cup of gold; to my Lady Zouche a salt of gold. And I appoint John Lord Dynham and Oliver Dynham, my sons, my executors.

Proved 3d November 1496.

SIR WILLIAM SANDYS.

Sir William Sandys, the elder[7], 17th October 9 Henry VII. 1493. I will that William, my son, and Margaret, my wife, pay all my debts out of my goods at Andover and at the Vyne; I will that Richard, my son, have all my purchased lands. . . Proved 8th April 1497.

ELIZABETH LADY BRANDON.

Elizabeth Brandon[8], 12 Henry VII. 1496. My body to be buried as near as may be to the tomb of my late husband Sir William Brandon. I bequeath my manor of Cravens, in Henham, to Sir Robert Brandon, my son, and the heirs male of his body; remainder to Thomas Brandon[9] my son; remainder to William Brandon, nephew to the

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[1] Her grandson. [2] Her grand-daughter. [3] Ibid.
[4] Ibid. [5] Ibid. [6] Her grandson.
[7] Apparently the father of William first Lord Sandys, of the Vine.
[8] Daughter of Sir Robert Wingfield, and widow of Sir William Brandon, Knight, and grandmother of Charles the celebrated Duke of Suffolk, K. G.
[9] Afterwards a Knight of the Garter. Vide his will, in a subsequent page.

said Thomas; remainder to Charles Brandon, brother to the said William; remainder to Ann, sister to the said Charles; remainder to Elizabeth Lenthorp, aunt to the said Ann, my daughter; remainder to Eleanor Glenham, my daughter; remainder to Mary Redinge, my daughter; remainder to Ann Sidney, my daughter; remainder to Thomas Brandon, my son; remainder to Dame Margaret Lovell, my daughter; remainder to Katherine Gurney, my daughter; remainder to Anne Loveday, my daughter; remainder to Eleanor Sidney, daughter of Anne Sidney; remainder to the right heirs of Sir William Brandon.

Proved 8th May, 1497.

MAUD LADY WILLOUGHBY.

Maud Lady Willoughby[1], July 18, 1497. My body to be buried in the Church of the College of Tattershall, in Lincolnshire, before the high altar, on the right hand of my uncle, Ralph Lord Cromwell, under a stone provided by me; and I desire that if I die in the parish of Tattershall, my solemn exequies, excepting burial, shall be done in that Church*. Proved 31st November, 1497.

SIR ROBERT RADCLYFFE, KNT.

Robert Radclyffe, Knight. On the eve of St. Kathe-

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[1] She was the daughter of Sir Richard Stanhope, Knight, by his second wife Maud, sister and heir of Ralph Lord Cromwell, and eventually coheir to her mother, and married, first, Robert Lord Willoughby of Eresby; secondly, Sir Thomas Nevill, Knight, son of Richard Earl of Salisbury; and thirdly, Sir Gervase Clifton; and died 30th August 1497.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iii. p. 303; Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 86; and MS. notes.

rine the Virgin[1], 1496. My body to be buried on the South side of the Chapel of Hunstanton. To the Parish Churches of Hedersel and Wymondham, each a black vestment of velvet, with my arms, and the arms of the Lady Cromwell, late my wife; to the Church of Tattershall a vestment. I will that a tomb be made of free stone, with the images of myself and two wives on the top. To Ann Radclyffe, my daughter, a bed of gold; and I make the said Ann and Elizabeth, my daughters, my executors, and will that they have DCCC marks betwixt them to their marriage, when they come to sixteen years old; to be levied out of my lands in Dokkinge, Stanhow, Trynge, Snetesham, Sherneborne, Secheforth, Brycham, Darsingham, Inglethorpe, Hecham, Hunstanton, Ryngested, and Holme. And I constitute Robert Drury, Esq. Robert Lestrange, Esq. and John Lestrange, Esq. my executors. Proved 19th May, 1498.

JOHN LORD SCROPE OF BOLTON.

John Lord Scroop[2], at Esh Harlyng, in the county of Norfolk, July 3, 1494. My body to be buried in the Abbey of St. Agatha, in the county of York, in case I depart this life in that county; but if I die in Norfolk, then I will that I be buried in the Black Friars at Thetford. To Ann[3], my wife, all my goods South of Trent; to Sir Henry Scroop, my son and heir, all my goods at Bolton Castle; to Ralph, my brother, my little Bible at Bolton; to Robert, my brother, my chamlet gown; to Ann, my wife, and my brother, Henry Spelman[4]. Proved 8th November, 1498*.

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[1] Nov. 24th.

[2] Eighth Lord Scrope of Bolton. He died 12th July 1494 according to Dugdale.

[3] Vide her Will in the next page.

[4] A note in the margin of the MS. abstract of this will, says, "query, Thomas Metcalfe?" but this Henry Spelman was probably related to *Ann his wife;* of whom Dugdale gives no account.

* From Dugdale's Abstract and MS. notes.

ANN LADY SCROPE.

Ann Lady Scroop, of Harlyng[1], 28th August, 1498. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Anne, joined to the Chancel of St. Peter and Paul at Est-Harlyng, in the tomb of my late husband, Sir William Chamberlyne. To the Austin Friars of Thetford, where my great grand-dame, Margery Tudenham, daughter of Sir Thomas Jenny, lieth; to my daughter, Dame Isabel Hengrave, a vestment; to my nephew, Robert Wingfield, a round bed of crimson; to my niece, Elizabeth Wingfield, my god-daughter, a dymysent of gold, and a pair of beads of gold, which were my sister's, Dame Elizabeth Wingfield; to my niece Eleanor my gown; to my brother Brokenham my russet gown furred; to my Lady my Lord's mother my embroidered psalter; and to my Lady, wife to my son, now Lord Scrope, one of my dymysens, or little girdles; to my young Lady of Upsall a glass garnished with silver; to each of my Lord my son's daughters a convenient remembrance; to my brother Mr. Ralph, and to my brother Robert Scroop, a crewse of silver; to my sister Bygot a pair of tables of ivory; to my sister Radclyff a little coffer of ivory; to my sister Katherine a pair of brades of coral; to my niece, Dame Ann Wingfield a pair of towels of works; to my niece Anne Echingham a ring of gold; to my niece Katherine Brewse; to my niece Margaret Bardwell a fine feather-bed; to old William Bardwell a standing gilt cup, which I will he leave to his daughter, my niece Margaret; to William Bardwell the younger a noble of gold; to Robert Bardwell, my godson, eleven ewes and lambs; to my

[1] Widow of the above John Lord Scrope. Dugdale states, that his first wife was Joan, daughter of William Lord Fitz-Hugh, and Blore makes *Elizabeth*, daughter of Oliver St. John, Knight, and widow of Lord Zouche, his second wife. In this case this Ann must have been his third wife. Her will is peculiarly valuable from the number of persons mentioned in it, and affords important information relative to the families of Scrope, and of those houses with whom it was at that period allied.

god-daughter, Anne Fitz-walter, a primer; to Sir Thomas Lovell[1] a garter of gold; to my sister Wyndham a little girdle; to my niece Margaret Bardwell; my nephew, Robert Wingfield, Esquire, whom I have brought up of a child of three years. Proved 8th November, 1498.

ANNE LADY AUDLEY.

Anne Lady Audley[2], 11th November, 1497. My body to be buried in the Monastery of Bermondsey. I will that a priest be found to pray for the souls of John late Lord Audley, my husband, and James late Lord Audley, my son, and of John Rogers, late my husband. And I appoint my son, Henry Rogers, my executor. Proved 24th June, 1498.

LADY ELIZABETH BOURCHIER.

Dame Elizabeth Bourgchier, widow, February 18th, 1498. My body to be buried within Our Lady's Chapel, in the Monastery of Bylegh beside Maldon. I will that the bones of Sir John Bourgchier, Knight, late my husband, that now rest in the Church of Stellinge, in Essex, be taken up and carried to the said Abbey of Bylegh. To my sister, Florence Zouche; to my nephew, Henry Chicheley, two rings of gold. Proved May 14th, 1498.

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[1] Evidently Sir Thomas Lovell, the 254th Knight of the Garter, who died 25th May 1524, and whose testament will be found in a subsequent page. This bequest probably meant a garter worn as part of the insignia of that illustrious order.

[2] Dugdale does not state of whom she was the daughter, but Collins, vol. vi. p. 306, says, that she was the daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Itchingham, Knight; John Tuchet, Lord Audley, her husband, was Treasurer of England 2 Richard III. and died September 26th, 1491; James Lord Audley, her son, was beheaded for joining the Cornish insurrection June 28th, 1497.

EDWARD EARL OF WILTSHIRE.

Edward Stafford, Earl of Wiltshire[1], March 21st, 1498[2]. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Peter of Lufwyke, in the County of Northampton, in Our Lady's aisle, by my grandfather Greene; and I will that my executors make a convenient tomb there for me. My manors of Buckworth, Comberton, Raundes, Ringsted, Irtlingburgh, Haryngworth, Hardwyck, and Drayton, in the counties of Hunts, Northampton, and Cambridge. To my cousin, the Earl of Shrewsbury, my collar of the King's Livery; to my ....Margaret Viscountess Lisle[3]; to my wife, all the plate I had with her in marriage; to my uncle Wytilbury, and my aunt his wife, a plain cup. Proved April 24, 1498.

JOHN VISCOUNT WELLES.

John Viscount Welles[4], February 8, 1498. My body to be buried as the King and Queen, and the Lady Margaret Countess of Richmond and Derby, and my own wife, shall

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[1] Son and heir of John Stafford, K. G. first Earl of Stafford, by Constance, daughter and heiress of Sir Henry Green; he married Muriel, sister and coheiress of John Grey, Viscount L'Isle, but died s. p. 24th March 1498.

[2] Query, 1498-99?

[3] The MS. note of this will has the following hiatus: "To my —— Margaret Viscountess Lisle;" but as Dugdale's Abstract states, "to Margaret, my wife, all the plate, &c." there can be little doubt that he described his *wife*, who is generally considered to have been called Muriel, as Viscountess L'isle, notwithstanding that she had no claim whatever to that title.

[4] He was summoned to Parliament from 3 to 12 Henry VII. in the third year of whose reign he was created a Viscount; and having married Cecily, daughter of King Edward IV. died February 9th, 1498.

think fit. And I will that Lady Cecily, my wife, shall have all my castles, manors, &c. during her life *.

JOHN COOPER.

John Cooper, of Bekynton[1], August 29, 1498. My body to be buried before the high altar of St. John the Baptist, in the Church of St. Gregory of Bekynton. To the said Church XL *s.*; to my mother Church of Wells, in Somersetshire, for my tythes forgotten, III *s.* IV *d.*; the residue of my goods to Philippa, my wife, and John Cooper, my eldest son, whom I appoint my executors; and I constitute Thomas Compton supervisor of this my will. Witnessed by Thomas Compton, Hugh Trapnal, and Nicholas Gonvyle †. Proved November 18, 1498.

CHRISTOPHER LORD WILLOUGHBY, OF ERESBY.

Christopher Willoughby, Lord of Eresby, November 1, 1498. My body to be buried in the Church of the Nuns of Campsey, in the county of Suffolk, before the high altar, where my father is buried. To the Prioress there XX *s.*; to every of the old nuns VI *s.* VIII*d.*; to each of the young nuns III *s.* IV *d.*; to the master of the Chauntry there XL *s.*; to every priest there, to sing mass of requiem and dirige in the quire for my soul, X *s.* For the making another tomb for Robert late Lord Willoughby[2], at Melyngham, X marks; to William Willoughby, my eldest son, or to him who after my death shall be my heir, half my plate and jewels;

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 13.

[1] Of the family from which the Earl of Shaftesbury is descended.

† From Collins' Abstract, vol. iii. p. 393.

[2] His great uncle, who died temp. Henry VI. s. p. m.

Dame Margaret, my wife; my aunt, Dame Margery Mekylfield; my sister Hotoft; my daughter Katherine; to young Henry Heydon, and to Margery his sister, x marks each; Christopher Heydon; to my brother, Sir Henry Heydon, Knight, a new black velvet gown; and to Dame Ann Heydon, his wife, a gown of satin; William Mekylfield; my nephew, William Jenney, my godson.

Proved July 13, 1499.

WILLIAM CULPEPER, ESQ.

William Culpeppyr[1], Esq. of the parish of Aylesford, 12th June, 1499. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Peter of Aylesford, in our Lady's Chapel there, before the image of St. Michael, next unto Margaret, my late wife. I will that Edward Culpeppyr, my son, have all my lands, tenements, &c. in Kent, Essex, and Worcestershire, to hold to him and his heirs male; remainder, in like mannar, to my daughter Ursula, wife of John Tudor; remainder to Margery Lymor, my daughter, in like manner; remainder to the right heirs of me, and of my said late wife Margaret. To Philippa, daughter of the said John Tudor. Katherine and Elizabeth, daughters of Edward Culpeppyr, my son.

SIR HENRY WENTWORTH, KNT.

Sir Henry Wentworth, Knight, August 17, 1499. To Jane, my daughter, cccc marks, to her marriage; to Dorothy, my daughter, cccc marks, to be raised out of my manor of Gedney. Richard, my son and heir. Elizabeth Lady Scrope, my wife[2]. My manors of Chetham, Syber-

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[1] Probably ancestor of Sir John Colepeper, who was created a peer 20 Charles I.

[2] Daughter of John Nevil, Marquess of Montacute, and widow of Thomas Lord Scroope of Masham. Vide her will in a subsequent page.

ton, Gouxill, and Kyneston; also the custody of all my ward William Drainsfield's manors; also the custody and wardship of Thomas Nawnton, son and heir of William Nawnton, which I passed away to Sir Henry Tey, Knight.

Proved 27th February, 1500.

THOMAS KEBILL, ESQ.

Thomas Kebill, Serjeant at Law, 1500. Margery and Ann, my two wives. Joyce and Elizabeth Kebill and Mary Villiers, my nieces. George Villiers, my nephew. Dame Mary Billing, my aunt. My lands in Stretton, Barkley, Queenborough, &c. co. Leicester.

LADY ISABEL BOURCHIER.

Isabel Bourgchier, daughter of Sir William Bourgchier[1], 10th October, 1500. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Michael, called Whittington College, London, where my sister, the Lady Ferrers[2], lyeth. To my Lord and brother Henry Earl of Essex c *l.* which is in the hands of my aunt, Sir Thomas Bourgchier's wife; to my Lord brother Richard Grey[3] c *l.* which is in the hands of Mr. Kemp and Mr. Roper, executors to my uncle Lord John Bourgchier.

Proved 14th May, 1501.

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[1] Daughter of Sir William Bourchier, who died v. p. son and heir of Henry first Earl of Essex, K. G. and father of Henry second Earl of Essex, K. G.

[2] Cecily Bourchier, who married John Devereux, Lord Ferrers of Chartley.

[3] Query, for her pedigree does not shew any connection which can explain this passage? In another MS. abstract of this will the expression is "Richard Grey my *Lord's* brother."

ELIZABETH LADY ABERGAVENNY.

Elizabeth Nevill, Lady of Bergdenne, of the parish of Chartham, in the county of Kent, widow[1], April 14, 1500. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Martin Outwiche, Bishop's-gate, London, in a vault in the Chapel of Our Lady there, where the body of Richard Naylor, my husband, resteth. My sons, John Naylor and Robert Naylor. I bequeath my lands in Chatham, Chilham, Perham, Sellinge, and Boughton under the Blore, in Kent, to John Naylor, my son, and his heirs; with remainder to Hugh Naylor and Robert Naylor, brothers to the said John, and to Thomazine, Alice, and Joan, sisters to the said Hugh and Robert, respectively. I will that a priest be found to pray in the said Church of St. Martin for the souls of George Nevill Knight Lord Bergavenny, Richard Naylor, Robert Bassett, and John Stokker, my husbands.

Proved 19th June, 1500.

THOMAS MARQUESS OF DORSET.

Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset[2], London, Aug. 30, 1501[3]. My body to be buried in my College of Astley, in the county of Warwick, before the image of the blessed

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[1] Daughter of ....., and married, first, George Nevill, Lord Abergavenny; and secondly, Richard Naylor, Citizen of London; from her will it appears she had afterwards two other husbands, hence, as her first husband died in 1491, she must have been thrice married in the short space of nine years!

[2] Knight of the Garter and son-in-law of Edward IV. being the son of Elizabeth Woodvile, Queen of England, by Sir John Grey, Lord Ferrers of Groby, her first husband; he died September 20, 17 Henry VII. 1501.

[3] Dugdale erroneously states that there is no date to this will; he probably meant that there is no probate.

Trinity, in the midst of my closet in the said College. I will that my executors shall cause one hundred masses to be said for my soul in every of the four Orders of Friars in London, and that at the time of my burial c marks be distributed in alms to poor people. Also I will that the Hospital of Lutterworth, in the county of Leicester, of my patronage, be appropriated to the Dean of my College of Astley, to the intent they, the said Dean and his brethren, shall specially pray for the souls of King Edward the Fourth, Queen Elizabeth his wife, my mother, as likewise for the souls of my father, and of my wife, my own soul, and for all Christian souls; also I will that my son and heir apparent shall have the manors of Groby, Bradgate, Rotby Newton, Ansty, Coventry, Glenfield; the manor of Higham, in the county of Leicester, with Winchester fee; the manors of Grafton, Hartwell, Asseheune, Roode, Wyke Hamund, and Wyke Dive, Stoke upon Tearne, Wutton-under-Wyvor, Broughton Astley, the Lee Shrofold, and the Lee Bancors and Levisham, with all my lands in Calais; to Cecily[1], my wife, the manor of Astley with the appurtenances; for the performance of my legacies, and that every of my unmarried daughters may have M *l.* I will that the revenues and profits of my manors of Lutterworth, Creke, Clay-Coton, Willoughby-Waterlesse, Wedyngton, Trelawne, Tregewell, Trewardreth, Colrige, West-Kington, and Leysthorp, also be received by my executors; the lordships of Stablyng, Woodham, Friars, and Fairsted; I will that the agreement made between my Lord Dudley and me for the marriage made betwixt his son and heir apparent and my daughter Cecily, be in all things performed; also I will that if the Lord Ferrers, who hath married my daughter Mary, die before carnal copulation, or disagree to the marriage, then that my said daughter shall have M *l.* to her marriage[a]. No probate[*].

[1] She was the daughter and heir of William Lord Bonville and Harrington, from whom she inherited the manors of Trelawne, Trewerdeth, and Tregewell, &c. in Cornwall.

[a] In Dugdale's Abstract, "then that thousand pounds return."

[*] From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 720; and MS. Notes.

EDMUND BOHUN.

Edmund Bohun, of Fressynfield, in Suffolk. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Peter and Paul, in the Priory of Eye, in the county of Suffolk. To my daughter Margaret Bohun, to her marriage, c marks; my sister Alice Bohun; my daughter Agnes Cooks; John Bohun, "nepos meus," all my lands and tenements in Fressynfield, to him and his heirs, by paying annually to the Prior of Eye III *l.* VI *s.* VIII *d.*; with remainder to Alice Colyns, my daughter; I will that Nicholas Bohun have my lands in Mendham. Proved 31st December 1501.

JOHN TERYNGHAM, ESQ.

John Teryngham, Esquire, February 16th, 1500[1]. I will that the great bell shall ring from six of the clock in the morning until six at night, on the day that I am buried; and that a stone be laid on my grave, with my picture and my arms, with scriptures as my friends shall think most convenient; also I will that an obit be kept yearly to pray for the souls of me, and of my father, and for my ancestors souls, the which be passed to God. And I appoint Dame Elizabeth Teringham, and Mr. Thomas Raynes, Parson, my executors. Proved 10th May 1501.

RICHARD HASTINGS LORD WILLOUGHBY.

Richard Hastings Lord Willoughby[2], March 18th, 1501.

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[1] Query, 1500-1?

[2] He married Joan, the sister and heiress of Sir Robert Welles, whose mother Joan was daughter and heiress of Robert sixth Lord Willoughby of Eresby; this Richard Hastings was Lord Willoughby jure uxoris, but was summoned to Parliament 22 Edward

My body to be buried in the Church of the Gray Friars of London, in the Vestry Chapel there. I will that xx *l.* be expended for a tomb; and I appoint Joane, my wife, my executor. Proved 5th October 1501.

ROBERT BATTRESBY, CLERK,

Sir Robert Battresby, Curate of Deal. My body to be buried in the middle of the quire of the Church of St. Leonard of Deal. To the common Library of the University of Cambridge one book, called "The Life of J'hu," and xx *s.* to the common chest of the same University.

Proved 22d October, 1502.

ROBERT LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

Robert Lord Willoughby de Broke[1], August 19th, 1502. My body to be buried in the Church of the parish wherein I shall happen to die. I will that part of the issues and profits of Mitham and Kelmasham, in the county of Worcester, and the manors of Helpringham, Thorpe-Latimer, Skredryngton, Heckington, Ledynghall, and Twynehed, in the county of Lincoln[2], shall be employed for the space of twenty years next after my decease, to the finding of a priest to sing in the parish Church of Hoke, in the county

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IV. and 1 Richard III. as Lord Welles, and which, though his acknowledged title, it appears he did not use, for he not only styled himself Lord Willoughby in his will, but his brother, Sir Ralph Hastings, in his testament, likewise describes him as his "brother Richard Hastings, Lord Willoughby;" he died s. p.

[1] He was summoned to Parliament in the 11th and 12th Henry VII. and married Blanch, daughter and coheir of John Champernoun.

[2] Then lately belonging to Richard Lord Latimer.

of Dorset, for that term, taking for his salary every year x marks, and to the relief of fourteen poor men and women, for the space of the said twenty years to pray for my soul; as also for the soul of Blanch, my wife, and for the souls of my father and mother*. Proved December 25th, 1502.

SIR GEORGE VERE, KNT.

George Vere, Knight[1]. My body to be buried in the Conventual Church of the Priory of Colne. To Margaret, my wife, XL *l.* and all my plate; to each of my daughters Katherine, Margaret, and Dorothy, "unam Catheriam," of gold, weighing twenty-six pounds, when they attain the age of fourteen. I will that all money not bequeathed be divided between my wife and my second son, at the discrecretion of my brother, John Earl of Oxford. To John Vere[2], my son and heir, a seal of the best gold, called a signet; to Sir Richard Fitz-Lewes[3], my cousin. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Margaret my wife, Richard Fitz-Lewes Knight, John Eyer Prior of the Priory of Colne, and William Cooke, whom I appoint my executors, to be disposed of for the health of my soul. Witnessed by John Ospleth, Thomas Goodknapp, William Oxkely.

Proved 3d April, 1503, by Margaret, his relict, and John Eyer Prior of Colne, his executors.

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 88.

[1] Brother of John Vere, thirteenth Earl of Oxford.

[2] Who succeeded his uncle, and became fourteenth Earl of Oxford.

[3] Probably the descendant of Sir John Fitz-Lewes and Alice his wife, daughter of Alberic de Vere, tenth Earl of Oxford.

SIR REGINALD BRAY, K. G.

Reginald Bray, Knight[1], August 4, 1503. My body to be buried in the Church of Our Lady and St. George, in the Castle of Windsor, in the West end and South side of the said Church, within the Chapel there new made by me for that intent. To every house of Friars in England XL *s.* to pray for two years for my soul; to the Friars at Guildford, where my mother lyeth, CC *l.* by X *l.* per annum, to say mass for the souls of Dame Katherine, my wife, of Richard Bray, my father, and Joan my mother. I will that my feoffees of my manors of South Morton, in Berkshire, and Staundon, in Berks and Wiltshire, with my other lands in East Herlinge, West Herlinge, and Rogate, in Sussex, of my manor of Chelchyth, in Middlesex, suffer my wife to receive the profits thereof during her life. Whereas I have in my keeping Elizabeth and Agnes, daughters and heirs of Henry Lovell, Esq. I will that Elizabeth be married to

[1] Knight Banneret and Knight of the Garter; he was Steward of the Household fo Margaret Countess of Richmond, and, according to Stow, was instrumental in placing the crown on the head of Henry VII. in whose reign he was elected a Knight of the Garter. Buswell's, in his account of this Sir Reginald, states that he was one of the executors to Margaret Countess of Richmond, but it is unquestionable that he died five years before she made her will. Sir Reginald Bray died s. p. and there is muchcontradiction in the statements relative to his heir; Dugdale, in one place, saying that Margery, the daughter and heir of his brother John, and wife of Sir William Sandes, was his heir; yet, immediately after asserting that John his brother was the father of Sir Edmund Bray, who was summoned to Parliament the 21st Henry VIII. and whose six daughters became coheirs to their brother John, the second Lord. The will in the text renders it certain that John Bray, the brother of Sir Reginald, had issue a son Edmund and other sons, and from the will of Sir Edmund Bray, in a subsequent page, there can be little doubt but that he was the nephew of Sir Reginald, for he speaks of his father John; hence, unless the testator had two brothers called John, it is evident that Margery Bray, who married Sir William Sandes never was either an heiress or coheiress.

one of my nephews, son to my brother John Bray; and that the said Agnes to another son of my said brother; and I bequeath all my lands and manors after the death of my said wife to my said nephews, that shall marry the said Agnes and Elizabeth, and their heirs, to be equally divided between them. Also I will that all the lands in Sussex, which I purchased of Sir William Redmyll, Knight, shall remain to my said nephews, failing issue of my own body. Also I will that my manor of Frysok, and my lands in East Widhay and Quidhampton, in Hampshire, be estated on my nephew, Richard Andrews, and Elizabeth his wife, the daughter and heir of John Rogers, and his heirs, with remainder to the next heir male of my brother, John Bray. Also I will that my manors and lands in the counties of Middlesex, Bedford, Buckingham, Northampton, Warwick, Berks, Oxford, Essex, Surrey, Gloucester, and Somerset, except such as my wife hath for her life, be estated on my nephew, Edmund Bray, son of my brother John Bray, and his heirs, when he cometh to the age of twenty-one years; with remainder to my niece Margery, wife of Sir William Sandys, Knight, and the heirs of her body. To Alice, my sister, wife of Richard Hyde. I will that my nephew, Robert Isaak, son of my sister Joan Isaak, and Joan his wife, the daughter of John Ottun, have an estate of the yearly value of xx *l.* to them and the heirs of their bodies. Also I will that the new work of the body of the Church of Our Lady and St. George at Windsor be finished. And I appoint William Smith Bishop of Lincoln, Sir John Shaa Knight, Sir John Cutt, Knight, and Richard Empson[1], my executors. Proved 28th November, 1503.

WILLIAM PELHAM, ESQUIRE.

William Pelham[2], February 12, 1503. My body to be

[1] The celebrated instrument of the rapacity of Henry VII.

[2] He died without issue February 24th, 1503, leaving Thomas Pelham, Esquire, his brother and heir, who was the immediate ancestor of the Right Honourable the Earl of Chichester.

brought to the Church of Laughton, and from thence to be had into the new Priory, and to be buried within the Chancel there. I will that my household be kept at Laughton until my month-day be past, on which day I will that every one of my servants have a black gown and their wages. I will that my feoffees settle on my nephew, John Pelham, son and heir apparent of my brother, Thomas Pelham, and on such gentlewoman as he shall marry (so as he married by the advice of my said brother, his father), my manors of Burghershe, and Bevylham, with the hundreds of Hawecksberg and Shoiswell, the forest and chase of Dalyngton, with all the courts, liberties, &c. within the rape of Hastings thereunto belonging; and I will that all the said manors remain to the heirs male of my said brother Thomas, and in default of such issue to the heirs male of Katherine, Cecily, and Joan, my sisters, with remainder to the right heirs of Sir John Pelham, Knight, my late father. To my brother, Thomas Pelham, my manor of Laughton, with the appurtenances; as also the manor of Colbonds, with the hundred of Shiplake; and after the decease of Joan Ashburnham, my sister, my lands and tenements in Westhilam, &c. and, in default of heirs male of the said Thomas, to the heirs male of Katherine, Cecily, and Joan, my sisters; with remainder to the right heirs of Sir John Pelham, Knight, late my father. The residue of all my goods not willed I bequeath to Robert Brent, Dean of South Malling, Edmund Dudley, Esquire, my brother, Thomas Pelham, Esquire, and John Root, whom I ordain my executors; and I will that if there be any article in my said testament, or any part of it, the which is not good nor certain according unto the law, for lack of due form in making the same, that it be always reformed and amended by the discretion of two of my said executors *.

Proved March 11, 1503[1].

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* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, vol. viii. p. 115.

[1] Query, 1503-4?

SIR THOMAS BRYAN, KNT.

Thomas Bryan, Knight[1], though unworthy Chief Justice, 7th February 1495[2]. My body to be buried in the religious house of Ashruge, if I die within twenty miles, in which case I bequeath to the Rector and Brothers for my burial xx *l.*; if I die more than twenty miles from Ashruge, then I desire that my body be buried where my executors shall think fit; if Thomas Bryan[3], my son and heir, and Margaret, his wife, survive me, I bequeath all my lands to them and to the heirs of their bodies; remainder to Elizabeth, my daughter, and the heirs of her body; remainder to my own right heirs; to the high altar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, for tithes forgotten and specially in the times of Masters Northington and Greene; to the high altar of the parish Church of Masseworth, for tithes forgotten in the times of William and Thomas Paulyvere; to the high altar of St. Sepulchre's, London, for tithes forgotten in the times of Masters Dalton, Welles, and Browne; I will that bread and drink be given to the prisoners in Newgate, the Fleet, Ludgate, King's Bench, and Marshalsea; to Elizabeth, my daughter, twelve silver spoons, which I received as part of my legacy of Lady Otteley, and x *l.* for her relief; Joan, my bastard daughter, late wife of Thomas Clement; Anne Dilcock, daughter of the said Elizabeth; I will that my executors fulfil the will of Lady Katherine Otteley, late wife of Bartholomew Seman, of London, as far as c marks; Margaret and Anne, daughters of my son Thomas; to my son Thomas and Margaret his wife MCCCC marks to fulfil the engagements entered into between me and the Earl of Surrey and Lady Elizabeth his wife, on the

[1] He was appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas 29th May 1472, in which office he was succeeded by Sir Thomas Wood 28th October 1501; though from the date of the probate of Sir Thomas Bryan's Will it is evident that he died about November 1500. [2] Query, 1495-6?

[3] Vide his Will in a subsequent page, in the notes to which some genealogical particulars relative to many of the persons mentioned in this testament will be found.

marriage of my said son Thomas with Margaret his now wife; and I constitute my son Thomas and Margaret his wife my executors. Witnessed by Master Richard Baker, Clerk; Thomas Betonsar, Chaplain; Christopher Michell, Chaplain; Henry Herde, Ironmonger; Robert Serle, Brewer, &c.

"Thoma, Thoma, fili mi Thoma, rogo et requiro te ut filiali dilectione diligas animam meam, et tu mihi predilecta Margareta uxor ejus rogo tu illam adjuva Valete[1]."

Proved 11th December 1500[2].

KATHERINE LADY HASTINGS.

In Dei nomine Amen. The twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord 1503, and in the nyneteenth year of the reigne of King Henry the VIIth, I Katherine Lady Hastings[3], widow, late the wife of William late Lord Hastings, having perfect memory and hole mind, considering that nothing is more certain than death, and therefore at all times willing to be ready unto death, and to look for the time of the coming of the same, in such wise that death steal not upon unprepared; whereunto is required not onely disposition ghostly, but also of such goods as God of his immeasurable goodness hath lent me the use and exercise of; intending, through his special grace, so to passe by these temporalls and momentary goods, that I shall not lose eternal; make, ordaine, and

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[1] This exhortation, from its great curiosity, is given in the original words. [2] Harl. MSS. 380, f. 76.

[3] Daughter of Richard Nevill, Earl of Salisbury; she married, first, William Bonville, commonly called Lord Harrington, by whom she had Cecily, who became heiress to her great grandfather, William Lord Bonville, and married Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset: her second husband was William first Lord Hastings, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, by whom she had Edward, second Lord Hastings, Francis, William, George, and Anne, who married George Earl of Shrewsbury.

declare, this my testament and last will, in manner and form following: First, I most humbly bequeath my soule to God Almighty, my Redeemer, to our blessed Lady St. Mary the Virgin, and to all the Company of Heaven; and my body to be buried in our Lady Chappell within the parish Church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, between the image of our Lady and the place assigned for the vicar's grave; Item, for my mortuary, I bequeath according to my custome; Item, I bequeath to the Cathedral Church of Lincoln twenty pounds. Item, I bequeath to the high altar in the parish Church abovesaid xx *s*. Item, I will that a priest be found to sing in the said Chapell for my fadyr and my Lady my modar, my Lord my husband's soule; for my soule, and for all Christian soules, and in special for those soules which I am most bounden to cause to be prayed for, for the space of three years next ensuing after my departing; and the said priest to receive yearly during the said three years for his stipend six pounds; and if my priest, Sir William Englonde, be contented to pray for me in the said place, and for the other abovesaid, then I woll that he be admitted to the said service before any other priest; and I bequeath unto the said Chappell a suit of vestments of bawdekyn, red and green, and my little gilded chalice, a printed mass-book, and a printed portvous, which I will my said preest have the use of, for the said three years, at the times when he shall be disposed to say his service divine in the said place. Item, I bequeath to the said Church of Ashby seaven surples, to be occupied and used by the ministers that shall doe service in the said Church. Item, I woll that my masse, covered with red velvet, that is occupied in the Chappell, be given to a poor Church, after the direction of myne executors. Item, I woll that the colledge of Newarke of Leicestre have, to them and their successors for ever, all my lands and tenements, with all their appurtenances, in the townes and feildes in Burton, Overy, and Wigston, in the countie of Leicestre aforesaid, which I lately purchased of Elizabeth Kent, widdow, for a yerely obit, to be kept in the said college, for my Lord my fadyr, my Lady my moder, my Lord my husband, and for me for

ever; Item, where[1] I owe unto Cecilie Marquesse Dorset[2], certain sum'es of money, which I have borrowed of her at diverse times, as appeareth by bills indented thereof made; I woll that the said Cecilie, in full contentation of all such sum'es of money as I owe unto her, have my bed of arres, tillor, testor, and counterpane, which she late borrowed of me; and over that I will that she have my tabulet of gold that she now hath in her hands for a pledge, and three curtains of blew sarcionett, and a traverse of blew sarcionett, and three quishions of counterfeit arres, with imagery of women, a long quishion, and two short, of blew velvet; also two carpets. Item, I bequeath to myne especial good Lord George Earl of Shrewsbury a cope of cloth of gold of white damasce, with torpens cloth of gold and velvet upon velvet. Item, a vestment of purpure velvet, with a crucifix and images of St. Peter and St. John embroidered upon that oon of them. Item, I bequeath to my Lady of Shrewsbury a cope of cloth of gold with lillyes embroidered, and that oon with the image of the Trinitie, with a frontrail for an altar; Item, my prym'ar, which is now in the keeping of my Lady Fitz Hugh; also two cushions of counterfeit arres with imagery of women; a long quishion, and two short, of blew velvet. Item, a long covering for a quishion of purpure velvet, and oon short; also two carpets. Item, I bequeath to my son Edward Lord Hastings a suite of vestiments, now being in the hands of the Abbot of Darley for a sum'e of twenty pounds, which suite I will be pledged oute of my proper goods; also an owche, being in the keeping of my son William[3]; also an image of our Lady, now being in the hands of my Lady Marquesse[4]. Item, a salt of gold, being now in the hands of my daughter Mary Lady Hungerford[5]; alsoe a faire prym'ar, which I had by the yefture of Queen Elizabeth; alsoe where[6] my seyd son oweth unto me for certain charges which I took upon me

[1] Whereas. [2] Her daughter. Vide note [3], p. 450.

[3] Vide note to p. 373.

[4] Apparently her daughter Cecily Marchioness of Dorset.

[5] Her daughter-in-law, wife of Edward Lord Hastings, her son.

[6] Whereas.

for his sake an hundred markes, as appeareth by his writing thereof made, I, considering the kinde demeanor of my said son at this time in granting of a certain annuity, remit and pardon unto him the said hundred markes due to me by the bequest of William Strote, in part of payment for my debts, and for my servants at the next audit; alsoe, I bequeath unto my said son two coverings for quishions of counterfeit arres, with imagery of women; Item, two quishions of counterfeit arres with my Lord's armes; alsoe two paire of curtaines of green tartarin; Item, two short quishions of tawney velvet; alsoe a long quishion, and short, of crimson velvet; alsoe such pieces of bawdekyn, with a frontaile of cloth of gold of blew sattin, as hath been accustomed to be occupied about the sepulchre of our Lord; alsoe a cloth of bawdekyn, with a frontaile of red bawdekyn for the font. Item, an old hanging of counterfeit arres of Knollys, which now hangeth in the hall; and all such hangyngs of old bawdekyn or lynen paynted as now hang in the chappell, with the altar-clothes and oon super altare, with oon of the vestiments that now be occupyed in the chappell. Alsoe all such pieces of hangings as I have, of blew and better blew, with my lord's armes, with banquyrs and cupboard-clothes of the same sort. Alsoe three barrehides for carriage; and two barrehides for clothe sekks. Also the third part of my hey that is at Kerby, and all such tymber as I have there. Also all the bedding that he hath of mine which late was at London, reserved only two fedurbedds and a cowcher that I wol Richard my son have, and also two carpets. Item, I bequeath to my sons Richard and William four coverings for quishions with my lord's armys of counterfeit arres. Also two hangings for an aultar, with the twelve Apostles embrodered with gold, with a crucifix and the Salutation of our Lady. Alsoe all the pieces of hangings of verd that now hang in my chamber and in the parlour; alsoe all my stuffe of napree pertaining to the pantree; alsoe two pair of blankets, and two pair of fustains; alsoe four pair of fine sheets; alsoe my stuffe of kitchin, as platters, dishes, sawcers, broaches, pots, and pans; alsoe all my hey that is in

Lubbesthorp, provided that William have the more part of the hey; also two parts of the hey at Kerby; also two vestiments, oon that hath been accustomed to be occupied in my high house, and oon that's occupied in the chappell; two Masse-books, two super-altars, oon of white to Richard, and oon of jett to William; two corporauxes; alsoe to Richard four pair of brigaunters; and to William two payre; and to them both thirteen saletts. Item, to my son William all such stuffe of bedding as he hath now in his chamber of mine; that is to say, a feller, tester, and counterpoint of roosemary, a quilt happing, a white mantell, a white square happing; a square happing, white and black. Alsoe to my son William all such plate as was in the hands of John Holme, with that he pay unto the said John, at the feast of St. Andrew next coming, fifteen pounds, in part of payment of a greater sume; and over that to do such charitable deedes of almes as I have appointed to be done by him. Also I bequeethe to my son William four fedur beds and couchers, and to Richard two fedur[1] beds that he hath, a coucher that was at London, a coucher that's here, and a fedur bedde. Item, I bequeth unto them all the hangings of saye which be at Kerbye now, as appeareth by the inventory thereof made; and I woll that William have foure paire of sheets of such sorte as he now occupyeth. Item, to my Lady Margaret a payre of little salts of silver and parcell gylt. To my sister Fitz-Hugh oon of my standing cupps; alsoe a bedd of tymbre; and such pledges as she hath of mine, I woll they be pledged out by William, and he to have them. Item, to my daughter Hungerford my part of a crosse, which she hath in her keeping for a pledge. Item, to my son George Hastings a good fedur bedde, a boulster, a pair of blankets, a paire of fustians, and a pair of fine sheets. Item, to my nephew William Ferrers[2], and to my niece his wife, a fedur bedde, a boulster, a blanket, a chike happing, an old coun-

[1] Feather-beds.

[2] Son of Thomas Ferrers, of Tamworth, Esquire, by Anne his wife, sister of William Lord Hastings, the testatrix's husband.

terpoint, sillor and testor, which they now occupy in their chamber; also four payre of sheets, and oon of my finest gownes. Item, to my Lady Mary a ring, which William Bamsell hath for a pledge, to be pledged out of my goods. Item, to my neece Brokesby, three payre of sheets, and oon of my best gownes: my gownes to be given among my other gentlewomen, and oon to Mrs. Booth, and oon to Margaret Cooke, and oone old gowne to moder Cecill of Leicestre, and oon gown cloth of my groome's livery to Richard Twhytull. Item, to Sir Christopher Hayward, my preest, in monie or stuff, whether he woll, ten marks, towards soch chardges of reparations of his chauncell as he shall have. Item, I bequeath to the same Sir Christopher Hayward a vestiment of crimson velvet, and the crosse of black cloth of gold. Item, I woll that he entre immediately after my departing into the ferme of Kerby appertaining unto him, and to take all such fruits as have growne this year, with thithes, oblations, and other profits belonging to the said ferme; and over that he to receive in money fifty-tree shillings foure-pence, and to content himself for the the rent of the said ferme for this year, and to pay unto the preest of Kerby his full wages unto the Annuntiation of Our Lady next coming. Alsoe I woll that my household be fully contented and paid for their whole quarter's wages to be finished at Christmass next, and all such wages that has been unpaid due unto them; and over this I woll that every oon of my gentlemen shall have thirteen shillings four pence; and every yeoman ten shillings; and every groom six shillings eight pence. Item, I woll that John Lolls have twenty pounds. Item, I bequethe to Mr. Doctor Christopherson oon of my best horses, also a gowne of my fine black. Item, I woll that such hangings or bedding as shall be sold for the payment of my debts and performance of my will, be refused of my Lady Marquisse and of my son Edward Lord Hastings before they be any parcell to be sold to any other body, so that the said Lady Marquiss and Lord Hastings woll give as much for the said as any other woll doe, and make as quick payment. The residue of my goods not bequeathed, my debts fully

paid, with all my cattall, somes of monie, rents, annuities, debts, and arrearages, which it shall happen me to have and to be possessed of, or due unto me, by any grant or lawful meane, at the time of my departing, I woll be equally divided between my sons Richard and William. And for the true execution and performance of this my present testament and last will, I make and ordaine Ceicill Marquiss Dorset, widdow; George Earl of Shrewsbury and Anne his wife, my daughter; Edward Lord Hastings, Richard Hastings, and William Hastings, Esquires, my sons, myne executors; most humbly beseeching and praying them, in the way of charity, to take the peyne and labour for the true performance of the same, as myn special trust is in them *.

RICHARD MARTYN.

Richard Martyn [1], Bishop in the Universal Church, 9th November 1498. My body to be buried in the Church of the Order of the Grey Friers in Canterbury. Agnes, late my brother's wife; to the Church of Lyde my second mitre, my cross, staff, and the crosshed that Olyver the joiner made; to John Martyn, my brother's son, the farm of my Church and Vicarage of Lyde, the farm of my Church

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* From Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. iii. p. 572-3.

[1] He was by Papal provision Bishop of St. David's, by bull dated 6 cal. Maii (April 26) 1482, he had the temporalities of that see restored to him on the 1st of July, and made his profession of obedience on the 8th of the same month in that year; Le Neve adds, "I cannot fix the certain time of his death, but believe it was in 1483. He was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral, London," and both this writer and Bishop Godwin state, that in 1483 Thomas Langton succeeded him in the Bishoprick of St. David's. There is, however, evidently an error in these statements, for it is manifest, from his will, that he was living in November 1498, and probably until March 1502-3. It is possible that in 1483 he was deprived of his spiritual dignities, but no account is recorded of the fact, and in his testament he expressly styles himself "Bishop in the Universal Church."

and Parsonage of Ickham; to Master John Diggys, Gentleman, my bote, with the apparel thereto belonging; to the place of Gray Friars of Canterbury my chrysmatory of silver, and parcel thereof gilt, and the case thereto belonging; to the Chapel of St. Saviour in the said Church; Edward Gylford, Prior of the House of St. Gregory of Canterbury. Proved 9th March 1502[1], at Canterbury.

ELIZABETH LADY HUSSEY.

Elizabeth Hussey, widow of Sir William Hussey, Chief Justice[2], 1503. My sons Sir John, Robert, William, and George Hussey; Ann, daughter and heiress of Sir John Sylvaine, wife of my son William; my daughter Lady Grey; my brother and sister Marmion; my brother and sister Gaton; my sister Porter. And I appoint my son, William Hussey, and my brother, Sir Maurice Berkeley, my executors. Proved 1504*.

WILLIAM OXENBRIDGE, ESQ.

William Oxenbridge, of Gestling, 1503. My body to be buried there. My wife Alicia and my father-in-law Richard Knight; my sister Margaret Cheney, and my niece Ann Bannister; my brother Goddard Oxenbridge; Robert Oxenbridge, son of Martin Oxenbridge; to my daughter Ann the manors of Smalesham, Gravehurst, and Malley, when of age; to Robert, son of Thomas Oxenbridge.

Proved 1504*.

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[1] Query, 1502-3?

[2] Sir William Hussey or Husee, the testatrix's husband, was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, 7th May 1482, and was succeeded by Sir John Finux, the 24th November 1495.

* Ex. inform. George Baker, Esquire.

NICHOLAS TALBOT.

Nicholas Talbot, July 1501. My body to be buried at Berkhampsted. My wife Jane, widow of David Griffin; my brother Edmund Talbot; my nephews Giles and Edmund Talbot and Giles Livesay; my sister Anne Livesay; to Sir John Talbot my best gown; to Edmund Talbot, heir of Bashall, a gown *.

ANN WAKE.

Ann Wake, late wife of William Wake, of Hertwell, in Northamptonshire, widow, 20th April 1504. My body to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady in the Hospital of St. John of Northampton; to Nicholas Wake my saltcellar; to my son John Southwood a silver salt; John and Richard my sons; Elizabeth and Margaret my daughters.

Proved 14th May 1504.

THOMAS EARL OF DERBY.

Thomas Stanley, Earl of Derby, Lord Stanley and Lord of Man, and Great Constable of England [1], 28 July 1504. My body to be buried in the midst of the Chapel in the North aisle of the Church of the Priory of Buscough, of my ancestors foundation, where the bodies of my father, mother, and other of my ancestors lay buried, having provided a tomb to be there placed, with the personages of myself and both my wives, for a perpetual remembrance to be prayed for; also I will that the personages which I have caused to be made

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] First Earl of Derby, and Knight of the Garter. At the battle of Bosworth Field he placed the crown on the head of Henry VII. and for his services in that monarch's cause was created Earl of Derby, and soon afterwards obtained a grant of the office of Constable of England for life. After being distinguished by several honourable offices, he died in 1504, shortly after the date of his will.

for my father and mother, my grandfather and great-grandfather, shall be set in the arches of the chancel within that priory, in the places provided for the same; and whereas I have before given to the said Priory and Convent great gifts of money, jewels, and ornaments, and also done great reparations in the said Priory, I nevertheless bequeath thereto xx *l.* to the intent that the said Prior and Convent shall be bound by their deed, sealed with their common seal, to me and my heirs, to cause one of the canons thereof to say mass in the said Chapel for my soul, and for the soul of my Lady now my wife, after her decease, and for the soul of Eleanor late my wife[1], and for the souls of my father, mother, ancestors, children, brethren, and sisters, and for the soul of William late Marquess Berkeley; also for the souls of them who died in my or my father's service, or that shall die in my service, and for the souls of all those that I have in any wise offended, and for all Christian souls for evermore; also I will that at every mass before the lavatorie, they shall audibly say for the souls I have appointed, by name and all other in general, "*De profundis clamavi,*" and such orisons and collects as are used to be said therewith; also I will that my executors provide a priest to say mass for a year in the Churches of Winwick and Werington, especially to pray for the souls of all those I have any wise offended, and for all Christian souls; to the Bishop of Man[2] xl *l.*; to the Abbey of Whalley xx *l.*; to the Abbey of Cockersand x *l.*; to the making Garstang Bridge xx *l.*; to the purchase of the rent and toll of Werington Bridge ccc marks, to the intent that the pass shall be free for all people for ever; and also for the making of the said bridge d marks, that no further toll or farm be there asked; and I will that Sir Geoffrey Trafford and Henry Rysley, Esquire, be supervisors to see the same performed; to my Lord the King a cup of gold, and I pray him to be a good Lord to my son, and to the performance of my will, as I have been a true servant, and so shall depart out of this

[1] Eleanor, daughter of Richard Nevill, Earl of Warwick, by whom he had the children named in his will. [2] Huan Hesketh.

wretched world; also I beseech his majesty to be a good Lord to Sir Thomas Stanley[1], my grandson, James Stanley[2] and Sir Edward Stanley[3], my sons, whom I charge on my blessing to do as good service as lay in their power, and so to continue during their lives to him and all his; to Elizabeth[4] and Jane, daughters of my son the Lord Strange, cc marks, and to Henry Clifford c marks if he should take to wife the said Jane; I will that my Lady my wife[5] shall peaceably enjoy all the lordships, manors, &c. assigned for her jointure, as by act of parliament 1st Henry VII.; I will that my son Sir Edward Stanley shall have and enjoy the castle of Hornby so long as he lives; the residue of all my lordships, lands, &c. I bequeath to Sir Thomas Stanley, Knight, my heir apparent, whom with James and Sir Edward Stanley, my sons, I constitute supervisors of my will; and executors, my trusty servants David Griffith, Sir Geoffrey Trafford, Richard Hesketh, and John Leigh, Esquires*. Proved 9th November 1504.

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[1] Son and heir of George Stanley Lord Strange, jure uxoris, who died vita patris; on the death of his grandfather he became second Earl of Derby.

[2] This Sir James Stanley commanded the rear of the English army at Flodden Field, and for his conduct on that occasion was summoned to Parliament as Lord Monteagle, and was installed a Knight of the Garter 8th May 1514. Vide his will in a subsequent page.

[3] Afterwards Bishop of Ely; he died 22d March 1515. Vide his Will in a subsequent page.

[4] She married Sir Edward Stanley of Kent.

[5] His second wife Margaret, daughter and heir of John Beaufort Duke of Somerset, widow of Edmund Tudor Earl of Richmond, and mother of King Henry VII.; the Earl of Derby had no issue by this celebrated lady. Vide her will in a subsequent page.

* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. p. 45, and in Dugdale's Baronage, vol. ii. p. 249.

HENRY HORNE.

Henry Horne, 23d June 1504. My body to be buried in the Monastery of the Church of St. Sexburgh in Shepey. Elen my daughter; to Gervas Horne, my son, all my utensils, with the manor of Kenarton; to the said Gervas my place in Kenarton in tail male; remainder to Robert and Henry my sons, and the longer liver of them in like tail; remainder to Henry Guildeford, youngest son of Sir Richard Guildeford, Knight, in like tail; remainder to William Horne, son of my brother Gervas Horne, for ever; to St. Martyn's Pounteney in Romney; to Margaret, my wife, my place in Feversham that I dwell in, and other premises in Preston and Hernehill, for her life; remainder to Robert my son in tail general; remainder to Henry my son; remainder to Margaret his wife and her heirs.

Proved at Canterbury.

JOHN KNATCHBULL.

John Knatchbull, of the parish of Lympore, My body to be buried in the Church of St. Stephen of Lympore. Thomasine my wife; Margery my daughter; to the works of the Church at Westhythe III *s.* IV *d.*; to the reparation of the Chapel of St. Mary of Streete III *s.* IV *d.*; to the repairs of the steeple of Limne III *l.* VI *s.*; Richard Knatchbull my brother; Richard Knatchbull my son; Thomas my son; to Thomasine, my wife, my messuage at Somfeld, called Lordys, for her life; remainder to John my son; remainder to Richard and Thomas my sons.

Proved 1504 at Canterbury.

SIR JOHN MORDAUNT, KNT.

John Mordaunt, Knight[1], 5th September 1504. My

[1] Of Turvey, co. Bedford. On 16th June 1484, he was one of

body to be buried in the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin in the parish Church of Turvey. I will that my executors found a chauntry in the said Chapel of Turvey, and find two chaplains to celebrate divine service for the good estate of King Henry the Seventh whilst living, and for his soul after his decease, and for the souls of Elizabeth late his consort, and their progenitors and predecessors; also for the good of my soul, of that of William Mordaunt my father, and Margaret his wife my mother, and all my ancestors souls, and likewise for the soul of Edith my wife, daughter and one of the heirs of Nicholas Latymer, Knt. of Dantysh, in the county of Dorset; for the soul of Ann, late Countess of Warwick, and of all my benefactors; I will that my chaplains and their successors, for ever, be paid for their service out of the manors of Melbourn, Mereth, and Royston, in the county of Cambridge; I will that my manors in the counties of Bedford, Bucks, Northampton, Hertford, Essex, Surrey, and Northumberland, remain to William Mordaunt, my son and heir [1], and his heirs male; in default of which to John [2] my son and his heirs, failing which to Joan my daughter and her heirs; remainder to Elizabeth my sister, wife of Wistan Browne.

Proved 6th December 1504 *.

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the King's Commanders at the battle of Stoke; he was also appointed King's Serjeant at Law in the 11th of Henry VII.; Justice of Chester 15 Henry VII.; and soon afterwards Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and was knighted at the creation of Henry Prince of Wales 18th February 1503.

[1] Who died without issue.

[2] Who was heir to his brother William Mordaunt, just mentioned, and was summoned to Parliament 4th May 21 Henry VIII. 1532; his descendant John fifth Lord Mordaunt was created Earl of Peterborough in 1628.

* Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. p. 240.

ROGER WAKE, ESQ.

Roger Wake, Esquire [1]. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Blythsforth, in the county of Northampton. I appoint Elizabeth, my wife, my executrix, whom I will shall have the manors of Clyvedon in Somersetshire, and Blisworth, for life; remainder to Richard Wake [2] my son; to William Wake, my son, my lands in Carynton in Bedfordshire, for life; John my son [3]; I bequeath to Isabel, wife of Thomas Wake [4], my eldest son, lands to the value of xx *l.* out of Dessinge; I will that Elizabeth Villars, my daughter, have all my lands in Bromeham in Bedfordshire, for her life; remainder to Clement Villars, her son, and to his heirs; to Margaret Garnard, my daughter, all my lands called Haggishaws, in the parish of Milksted, in Kent, for life; remainder to Richard Garnard, Esquire, son of John Garnard, Esquire, and of the said Margaret, my daughter, and to his heirs; to my brother William Wake my manor of Midelton beside Colingtre, and Colingtré in Northampton, for life, according to the will of Thomas Wake, our father; Nicholas Wake my brother William Wake's son; Edward Villars and Elizabeth Villars my daughter; my cousin Thomas Wake.

Proved 19th May 1504.

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[1] Son and heir of Sir Thomas Wake, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber and of the Council to Edward IV. and Knight of the Shire for Northamptonshire temp. Henry V. and Henry VI. by Agnes, daughter of Sir Thomas Lovell; the testator founded a free-school at Blyesworth in 2 Richard III. and for his adherence to that monarch at the battle of Bosworth Field was attainted 1st Henry VII. but was afterwards pardoned, and obtained the restitution of his lands. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Catesby, of Ashby Legers, co. Northampton, by whom he had the children named in his will, and died 19 Henry VII. 1504.

[2] His second son, from whom Sir William Wake, the present Baronet, is descended.

[3] Who was seated at Milton, co. Somerset; his only issue was a daughter and heiress.

[4] Thomas Wake, the testator's eldest son, married Isabel, sister and coheir of Sir Edward Sapcotes, of Burleigh, co. Rutland, but his issue failed.

JOAN LADY WELLES.

Joan Hastings, widow, late wife of Richard Hastings, Knight, Lord Willoughby[1], 19th March, 1504[2]. My body to be buried in the Church of the Friars Minors within Newgate in London, in the vault there purposely made for my said husband and me. I will that six priests shall pray for me, whereof one priest shall sing for ever in the Monastery of Montgrace, another at the chauntry founded by my father in the parish Church of Northallerton; to the four Orders of Friars IV pounds to pray for my soul; and also to sing placebo and dirige, and mass of requiem, with a trentall of masses for my soul and the souls of my Lord my husband, and the soul of Richard Pygot late my husband.

Proved 7th April 1505.

SIR HUMPHREY CATESBY.

Sir Humphrey Catesby, Knight. My wife Grace and her children William Grey, Fulk Grey, and Margaret Grey; my sons Anthony and Thomas Catesby; my brothers Francis, Anthony, Euseby, and George Catesby; my daughters Anne and Elizabeth. Proved 1504.

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[1] She was the daughter of Richard Lord Welles, by Joan, daughter and heir of Robert Lord Willoughby of Eresby; her father was beheaded in 1469, and Robert, her brother, being also beheaded in the same year, she became the heiress of her family, but in consequence of the attainders of her father and brother in 1474, the honours of her house became forfeited. To her first husband the testatrix married Richard Hastings, who was summoned to Parliament in 22 and 23 Edward IV. but died s. p. s. in 1503, and by her second husband, the above-named John Pigot, she had no issue, and died in 1505.

[2] Query, 1504-5?

WILLIAM TAYLLARD.

William Tayllard. My wife Elizabeth; my son Walter Tayllard, and his sons William, Laurence, and Giles Tayllard; my daughters Mary Penycock, Jane Stukeley, Anne Wauton, Agnes Burgoine, and Joan Tayllard; I bequeath my lands, in default of issue of my sons to my brother John Tayllard; remainder to Dr. William Tayllard. Proved 1505.

SIR WILLIAM BOLEYN, KNT.

William Boleyn, Knight[1], 7th October 1505. My body to be buried in the Cathedral of Norwich, near the sepulture of Dame Ann Boleyn, my mother; I will that my son Thomas Boleyn, according to the will of Geoffrey Boleyn, my father, have the manors of Blickling, Calthorp, Wykmere, and Mikelbarton, to him and his heirs male, he paying to Dame Margaret, my wife[2], cc marks yearly; to my daughters Alice[3] and Margaret[4] M marks between them; my daughter Ann Skelton[5]; my sons James[6], William, and Edward[7]: my manors of Hoo, Offley, Cokenhoo, Fylby, West Lexham, Stiffleby, and Betingham, in Norfolk, and my manors of Heber and Seale in Kent.

Proved 27th November 1505.

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[1] Son and heir of Sir Geoffrey Boleyn, whose will is inserted in a former page, by Ann, daughter of Thomas Lord Hoo and Hastings, and father of Thomas Boleyn, Earl of Wiltshire, K. G. who is mentioned in the above will.

[2] Daughter and coheir of Thomas Butler, Earl of Ormonde and Carrick, in Ireland, and Baron Ormond of Rochford, in England.

[3] Who married Sir Robert Clere.

[4] She became the wife of John Sackville.

[5] Wife of Sir John Skelton.

[6] Who died s. p.

[7] He married Anne, daughter and heir of Sir John Tempest.

JOAN VISCOUNTESS L'ISLE.

Joan Viscountess L'isle, widow[1], 8th August 1500. My body to be buried in the parish Church of St. Michael upon Cornhill, under the sepulture where Robert Drope, late my husband, lieth. I will that my executors cause two tapers of wax, both weighing ten pounds, daily to burn at the said tomb during divine service in the quire there, in honour of our Lord God and our blessed Lady, for the space of one whole year immediately ensuing the time of my decease, and twenty-two torches, every one of the weight of twenty pounds, to burn at my funeral service and exequies; also I will that my executors provide three hundred shirts and smocks for poor folk, the one half for men, the other for women; also I will that my executors shall find two honest and virtuous priests to sing masses and other divine service, the one of them for the space of three years, in the Chapel of Astley, where my Lord and late husband lieth buried, and the other by the space of five years in the Chapel of St. Katherine within the Church of St. Michael aforesaid; also I will that my executors cause to be made and set up on the high rood loft in the said Church of St. Michael two escotcheons, the one of them with the arms of my right noble Lord and husband the Viscount L'isle and my own arms jointly, and the other of the arms of my right worshipful husband Robert Drope and my own jointly, to the intent that our souls, by reason thereof, may the rather be there remembered and prayed for; I exhort my son[2] John Grey, Viscount L'isle, son and heir of my late Lord and husband, and the three noble sisters of the same my young Lord, to consider my honest mind towards the performance of the will of my said Lord and husband; whereas I have

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[1] She was the second wife of Edward Grey Viscount L'Isle, whose will is inserted in p. 410, by whom she had no issue; it does not appear whether Robert Drope was her first or second husband.

[2] Her husband's son by his first wife, Elizabeth, sister and coheir of Thomas Talbot second Viscount L'Isle.

lent to my brother Thomas Grey[1] two vestments; my daughter[2] the Countess of Wiltshire; my daughter[2] Elizabeth Grey; my daughter Ann Willoughby[2]; to Sir Henry Willoughby, Knight, for a ring; to my cousin Edward Hungerford, Esquire, five yards of cloth for a gown; my son John Treguran; to my brother Richard Norton; to my sister Christian More, widow, my broad girdle; to my sister Alice, widow, my russet girdle, harnessed with gilt; my nephew John Harpesfeld; my nephew Nicholas Harpesfeld, a scholar at Bonony; my nephew George Harpesfeld; my nephew John Morton, draper; to my niece Philippa Harpesfeld, who is to marry Thomas Dynley ccc marks; Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Capel, Knight; my godson Reginald Bray, nephew of Sir Reginald Bray *.

Proved 21st November, 1505.

SIR WILLIAM LYTTLETON, KNT.

William Lyttelton, Knight[3]. My body to be buried before the image of the Blessed Virgin in the Monastery of Hales Owen, near the place and grave where my first wife lieth buried[4]. To Mary[5], my wife, the manors of Frank-

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[1] Apparently her husband Viscount L'Isle's brother.

[2] Viscount L'isle's daughters by his first wife.

* From MS. note of his will, and from Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p .722.

[3] Son and heir of the celebrated Judge Lyttleton, whose will is inserted in p. 362; the testator is spoken of in the note to p. 366, and it is therefore only necessary to state here that he died at Frankley in December 1507, aged 63. The date of his will is not given, but it is presumed to have been made shortly before his death.

[4] Elyn, widow of Thomas Fielding, Esquire, and daughter and heir of William Walsh, of Wanlip, co. Leicester; by her he had an only daughter Joan, who became the wife of Sir John Aston, of Heywood, co. Stafford.

[5] His second wife; she was the daughter of William Whittington, of Pauntley, co. Gloucester, by Elizabeth, daughter of Renfred Arundel, of Lanhearn, co. Cornwall, and sister and coheir of

ley and Coulesdon, in the county of Worcester; Ridgakur, in the county of Salop; and Over Arley, in the county of Stafford; I will that a priest be provided to pray for my soul during seven years after my decease, and for the souls of my father and mother, of William Burley[1], my grandfather, and all Christian souls; to say *Placebo* and *Dirige* the day of my anniversary, with other annual obit services, for all of which I will that he have VIII marks a year, the said divine service to be performed in the Chapel of St. Leonard at Frankley, to which I bequeath my velvet gown for a cope and vestment; I will that all my other lands remain for my son, and I will that he have XX *l.* a year for his exhibition and finding till he come of age; to my daughter Elizabeth DC marks to her marriage, if she marries with her mother's consent; I will that my yearly obit be constantly celebrated in the monastery of Hales Owen, and that my executors pay XIII *s.* IV *d.* for it; also I will that John Smith have the keeping of my park at Frankley during life, and that all my servants have a year's wages at their departure; to the Cathedral Church of Worcester VI *s.* VIII *d.*; I will that my executors procure a marble stone with two images and sculptures according, to be laid over me and Elyn, my first wife, when God shall do his mind with me*.

SIR ROGER LE STRANGE, KNT.

Roger le Strange, of Hunslaunton, in the county of Norfolk, 1505. My body to be there buried. My wife Anne; my son John Le Strange, now under age; my brothers Robert and John Le Strange; my brothers John and William Heydon; my sisters Heydon, Townshend, and Gurney, and Ann and Margaret Le Strange†.

John Arundel, Bishop of Exeter, who it is recorded gave his sister cccc marks for her marriage portion.

[1] Vide note [1], p. 363.

* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, vol. vii. p. 436.

† Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

JOHN MORTYMER, ESQ.

John Mortimer, of Bassingbourne, in the county of Cambridge. My body to be there buried. Whereas my wife Katharine had lands in Bassingbourne, in Cambridgeshire, and Baldock, Weston, and Clothall, in Hertfordshire; my mother Joan; my sons John, Robert, and Thomas Mortimer; my daughters Agnes and Katherine; my brother Thomas.

Proved 15th June 1505 *.

EDMUND TALBOT.

Edmund Talbot, of the parish of St. Elphe, in Canterbury, 28 October 1506. My body to be buried in the sanctuary of Christ Church in Canterbury. My brother Parson of St. Martyn's; Maister John Williams, Parson of St. George's. Proved at Canterbury.

MARGERY YELVERTON.

Margery Yelverton [1], of Norwich, widow, 4th June 1501. My body to be buried in the Friars St. Austin in Norwich, near to the body of John Yelverton, late my husband, to the parish of Castle St. Edmund's iv. *l*; to John, my son, a monk x marks; I bequeath my manor of Castle St. Edmond's, and all lands and tenements within the same, together with Markeshall, to Richard Walter, my son-in-law, for seventeen years, to pay my debts and legacies; and after that time to William Yelverton, son and heir to

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] Daughter of William Morley, Esquire, and widow of John Yelverton, ancestor of the Earls of Sussex.

William Yelverton, lately deceased; remainder to Amy Yelverton, sister to the said William. Proved 1503 *.

ELEANOR LADY WYNDHAM.

Elianore Wyndham [1], widow, late wife of Sir John Wyndham, Knight, living at Carowe, 11th December 1505. My body to be buried in the choir of the Austin Friars at Norwich, beside the high altar there, to which I bequeath a pair of chalices silver and gilt, to the intent that the Friars there shall pray for my soul, and for the soul of Sir John Wyndham, late my husband; also I will that a friar shall sing and pray for my soul within the said place, the space of a whole year, and that he have for his salary

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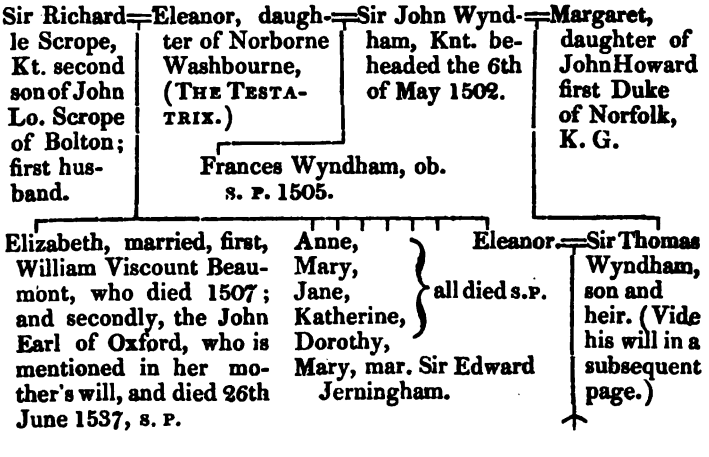
* From Collins' Peerage, vol. iv. p. 337.

[1] She was the daughter of Norman Washbourne, of Washbourne, co. Worcester, Esquire, and married, first, Sir Richard Scrope, younger son of John Lord Scrope of Bolton; and secondly, Sir John Wyndham, Knight, ancestor of the Earls of Egremont. From the numerous persons mentioned in her will as her children, it is thought advisable to subjoin the following short genealogical table, to avoid numerous notes:



LIII s. IV *d.*; to the White Friars of Norwich, the Black Friars of Norwich, and the Grey Friars in Norwich, and to the Abbey of Barking; also I will that on the day of my burial V *l.* be bestowed in alms; and at my burying day, my month's day, and year day, there be disposed for me XL *l.* after the discretion of my executors; I will that an honest priest sing for me in the University of Cambridge for two years, and be allowed for his salary VIII marks every year; to my Lord of Oxford a cross of gold with diamonds, and to the Lady his wife a ring with a ruby; to the Lady Beaumont, my daughter, a pursle of sable, my best feather bed, and other furniture; to Thomas Wyndham, my son-in-law, a vestment and mass book, three hangings, and other furniture; to my daughter Alianore Wyndham, wife of the said Thomas, a gown of black velvet furred with marten; to Dame Anne Scrope, my daughter; my daughter Mary Scrope; my daughter Jane Scrope; my daughter Frances Wyndham; to George Wyndham, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Eleanor Wyndham, Edmond Wyndham, and John Wyndham; to my daughters unmarried, by my first husband Sir Richard Scrope, all the residue of my array and household stuff not before bequeathed; the residue of my goods I bequeath to my executors, Sir Thomas Tyrrell, Knight, Sir John Tey, and Richard Wode, Gentleman.

Proved January 1505-6.

JANE LADY TALBOT.

Dame Jane Talbot, widow, late wife of Sir Humphrey Talbot, Knight[1], 10th January 20 Henry VII. 1505. My

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[1] The daughter and coheir of John Champernon, of the county of Devon, Esquire, and widow of Sir Humphrey Talbot, whose will is inserted in p. 409, in the note to which, on the authority of Collins, she is erroneously called *Mary*. Her husband merely speaks of her as his wife, without mentioning her Christian name.

body to be buried in the Church of the Friars Minors without Aldgate London, near the place where Anne Montgomery, late wife of John Montgomery, Esquire, is buried. I will that a convenient stone be laid over me with my arms and my husband's engraven thereon, which said husband died and is buried at St. Katharine's Mount[1]; to the making a window in the Church of Glossop, in Derby XL s.; Anthony Willoughby my nephew[2]; to my Lady Dinham my niece[3], a device of gold; I will that a priest pray continually for the souls of me, my husband Sir Humphrey Talbot, and for the souls of John Champernon and Elizabeth his wife, my father and mother, and for the souls of my sister Lady Blanch Willoughby, daughter to the said John and Elizabeth, and for the children and good estate of the noble Earl of Shrewsbury, and of the Lady Margaret his wife, and of Dame Elizabeth Dutchess of Norfolk, my executrix, with Mr. Thomas Cosyn, Doctor of Divinity in Cambridge. Proved 4th October 1505.

THOMAS WOODMANCIE.

Thomas Woodmancie, 1st November 1505. My body to be buried in the College of Ascherigge. Mary my daughter; Ann my wife; to Thomas, my son, my farm of Ivinghoe. And I appoint my sons Thomas, John, and Francis, my executors, and John A Moore, supervisor. I will that Ann my wife have my manor of Mantyl; my manors of Pycheltorne and Whaddon; Thomas, my eldest son, when of full age; Francis my youngest son.

Proved 9th February 1505-6.

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[1] Her husband died at St. Katherine's on Mount Sinai.

[2] Apparently a younger son of Robert first Lord Willoughby de Broke, by Blanch his wife, daughter and coheir of John Champernon, and sister of the testatrix.

[3] Daughter of the said Lord Willoughby and Blanch his wife; she married John Lord Dynham.

ELIZABETH WALLOP.

Elizabeth Wallop[1], 10th September 1505. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Farley, near the sepulchre of Richard Wallop, Esquire, late my husband. To the maintaining the lights and other ornaments in the Churches of Farley and Old Stoke such money as shall arise from the sale of one hundred sheep; to the Churches of St. Michael Basingstoke and Over Wallop; to Giles son of Stephen Wallop to provide for his being brought up a priest.

JOAN PUSEY.

Joan Pusey, of St. Laurence Westcombe[2], 13th December 1506; to the repair of the highway between Lowdwaterre and Holport xxvi s. viii d.; Michael my son; William Pusey my son; Christopher my son; Joane Hobby my daughter. And I appoint Christopher Pusey and Michael Pusey, my sons, my executors.

Proved 31st December 1506.

JOAN KYRNELL.

Joan Kyrnell, of Newport[3], 2d January 1506. My body to be buried in the Church there, nigh my husband. Margaret Impeswell my daughter; my three daughters Eli-

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[1] Widow of Richard Wallop, Esquire, who was Sheriff of the county of Southampton 17 Henry VII.; she was the daughter and coheir of .... Hampton, of Old Stoke, in the county of Southampton, Esquire. It appears that they had no issue, for Robert, the next brother of this Richard succeeded to his estates, and from him the Earl of Portsmouth is descended.

[2] In the county of Buckingham. [3] Ibid.

zabeth, Beatrice, and Margaret Kyrnell. And I appoint Henry Impsewell and Sir John Blett, my executors.

Proved 3d December, 1506.

WILLIAM DORMER.

William Dormer[1], of West Wycombe, 22d September 1506. My body to be buried in the chancel of the Church of West Wycombe, before the image of St. Lawrence; to poor folks XL *l.*; to buy a cope and vestment to be given to the Church of West Wycomb; to amending the highways leading from West Wycombe XL *l.*; to Joan Alburgh, my daughter, x marks; Lettice Dormer; Agnes, my wife, the third part of all my lands for life; remainder to Robert, my son and heir; to Margery Deane, my daughter, wife of Thomas Deane, x marks; to Agnes, my daughter, wife of William Baldwin, x marks; Robert my son. And I appoint the said Agnes and Robert my son my executors, and John Baldwyn and John Colynbourn overseers.

Proved 7th October 1506 *.

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[1] Ancestor of the Right Honourable Lord Dormer; he married Agnes, daughter of Sir John Launcelyn, a French Knight, and by her had one son, Robert, who was Sheriff of the counties of Bedford and Buckingham 14, 23, and 30 Henry VIII.; also four daughters, Margaret, wife of Thomas Deane; Joan, of .... Aldburgh, of Bromwell; Agnes, of William Baldwin, father of Sir John Baldwin, who was appointed Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in 1536; and Bridget, who married, first, ... Brittayne, of London: and secondly, ... Collingbourne.

* From a MS. note of this will, and from Collins' Abstract, vol. vii. p. 63.

GEORGE CATESBY.

George Catesby, son of William Catesby. My body to be buried at Ashby St. Legers, in the county of Northampton. My wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Empson[1] and Dame Jane his wife; my mother Margaret.

JOHN WILCOCKS.

John Wilcocks, of Chipping Wycombe, 5th July 1506. My body to be buried in the Church of All Hallondon on Wye, before the rood. To the repair of our Lady's Chapel of my grant xxiii *s.* iv *d.*; I will that my executors pay the charge of new glazing the window in the said Chapel; also I will that an obit be kept yearly; I will that my executors buy a marble stone to lay on my grave, with the picture of my two wives of vii foot in length, the stone mentioning her sons Thomas and Michael Wilcocks. I appoint Walter, my son, my executor, and also Robert Ashebrooke and Robert Brampton, priest, and John Aley, my executors.

EDWARD LORD HASTINGS.

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th day of November, the yere of our Lord 1506. I, Edward Hastings Knight[2],

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[1] Apparently the notorious instrument of Henry the Seventh's extortions.

[*] Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[2] He was second Lord Hastings of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, to which dignity he succeeded in 1483; but having married Mary, daughter and heir of Thomas Hungerford, son and heir of Robert Lord Hungerford and Molines, he was summoned to Parliament as Lord Hungerford in 1482, and died in 1510.

Lord Hastings and Hungerford, hole in mynde, make my testament and last will, in manner and forme following, &c. My body to be buried yf I depart this world in London, or within twenty miles of the same, in the College of Wyndsore, nyghe to the tombe of my Lord my father[1] (whose soule God pardon) yf it may be conveniently, else I remitte the same to the discretion of myne executors, &c. by the oversight of the Erle of Shrewsbury[2], Lord Steward of the King's most honourable household, or of my two brethren. yf they be at my said departing; also I wolle that the conveyance of my body to my buriall, with all the observances and other things pertaining to the same, and also to my month's mind and yere day, be ordered and done by my said executors or other above reherced; also I woll that an honest preste and virtuous be provided to syng and pray for my soul, and the soules of my father and mother, and all other my frends, with the soules of them that I am bounden to pray for, and all Christen soules in the Chapell or Church where my body shall be interred, by the space of seven years next ensuing my said departing, and the same prest oons in every day shall say placebo, dirige, and commendations, with mass of requiem, on the morrow, for my soule and the soules above rehersed; and other orisons and prayers as my said executors shall appoint, and that the said prest have yerely for the doing of the same observances during the same seaven yere ten marks; also I woll that my brother Richard Hastings have oone annuyte of xx marks by yere out of my lordeship of Thorneton and Bagworth, not oonly to him but also to my Lady his wyff, or to the longer lyver of them, to be made sure as the learned counsell of my sed brother can devise; also I woll that my brother William Hastings shall have and enjoy the offices, and stewardships, and bailyfwyke, of my lordships of Thorneton and Bagworth, with the herbage yielding account of the same; to have and occupie to him and to his deputies, with all such fees and profits as to the same office

[1] Vide his Will in p. 368.

[2] His brother-in-law. Vide note [3], p. 450.

in anywise appertain or belong for terme of his lyff oonely; and whereas I have granted unto my said brother William oon annuyte of xx marks be yere to be percevyd of my lands in the North parts, as by my letters patents to him made of the same more pleynly it doth appere, I wool and put it to be in choyse of my said brother whether he woll have the said annuyte in the place appoynted in my said letters patents; els my said recoverers and feoffees to make unto hym an estate or graunt thereof, as by his counsell lerned shall be thought good, for terme of his lyff out of such of my lands as he shall thinke most profitable, &c.; also whereas my said Lord and father, whose soule God pardon, hath taken a place within the Friers at Calais for certen yeres, to hym and to his heires, I woll that the said friers and their successors saying yerely for evermore for my soule an obite upon the same day it shall please Almighty God to call me to hys mercy, that is to say a solempne dirge over even, and masse upon the morrow, with commendations, and oons in the week for evermore, one frier say dirige and commendations, with masse of requiem, upon the morrow, for the soules of my said Lord and father, and me, and also to perform and fulfil certen masses to be seid accordyng to the graunt made by the provinciall and the general chapter of their order at Gippiwic, as it appeareth by a bill sent unto me of the same, that then they shall have and enjoy the said place to them most profite and advantage, any condition made unto my said Lord and father notwithstanding, &c.; also I will that my feoffees shall make sale of the manors of Welford, county of Northampton, Lubbesthorpe, Wystow, and Braunston, county of Leicester, as also of Bewike, Alacborow, and Slyngesby, county of York, to pay my debts and perform this my will *.

* From Nichols' Leicestershire, vol. iii. p. 574.

JOHN TURVILLE, ESQ.

John Turville, of Newhall, in the county of Leicester, Esquire, 22d June 1506. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of Thurleston; to Katherine, my wife, the office of Barne Park; to William, my son, a bason and server of silver, and I charge him to leave it to his son and heir, and so from heir to heir; to Anthony and Richard, my sons, lands in Crest, Thornford, and Woodhurst, Walton, and Burton, for their lives; Elizabeth and Ursula, my two daughters; to every tenant at will in Thurleston, Normanton, Turvill, and Crost, that tenants to me IV *d.* Proved 3d November 1506.

ROBERT WITLEBURIE.

Robert Witleburie, of Masham, co. Northampton 1506. My wife Anne; to Thomas and Edward Montagu XX *s.* a year; to Edward and Clement Villiers XL *s.* yearly out of Walsall, in Staffordshire *.

JOHN CORNWALLIS, ESQ.

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Cornwaleys [1], of

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] Son and heir of Thomas Cornwallis, Esquire, Knight of the Shire for Suffolk in the 28th Henry VI. The testator died without issue in 1505, and was succeeded in his estates by his brother Edward, who also died S. P. when Robert, his brother, became his heir, who likewise dying issueless, the inheritance devolved on his brother William Cornwallis, who became the ancestor of the Earls Cornwallis, and whose testament will be found in a subsequent page.

Broome, in the county of Suff. Squyer, being of whole mynde and good memory, the xvi day of August, the yere of our Lord God MV^c.VI. make my testament in this wise. First, I bequeth my soul to Almighty God, our Lady Seint Mary, and to all the holy company of Hevyn; my body to be buried in the Chauncell of the Churche of our Lady of Broome, nygh to the walle of my Chapell there, if that I die in the said parish of Brome, or nygh to it; and if I die eliswhere, as it shall please God, to be buried where myn executor or assign shall think most convenient; I bequeth to the parson of the saide Churche of Brome, for breking of the grounde in the highe chauncell, VI *s.* VIII *d.*; I bequeth to the highe alltar in the said Churche VI *s.* VIII *d.* for my tiths forgotten, and other dutyes neglected; Item, I bequeth to the belles of the saide Churche of Broome XX *s.*; Item, I bequeth to the reparacions of the saide Churches of Okely XX *s.* Sturston XX *s.* and Thranston XX *s.* to the Church of Bartylesdon XX *s.* in Essex; Item, I bequeth to Ellyn Barker, my servant, VI *s.* VIII *d.*; Item, I bequeth to my nece, Elizabeth Froxmore X *lb.*[1] and to hyr sustenaunce LXVI *s.* VIII *d.*; and to my nece Elizabeth Cornwalleys LXVI *s.* VIII *d.*; and to Agnes Fastolfe X *lb.*[2] to hir marriage; Item, I will and bequeth that myn executors shall leve at Lyng Hall, theiras now I dwell, to hym that shall be myn heyre these pressis following; first, in the Chapell my greate masse booke, a vestiment of silke, one challice, one corporas case with a corps therein. In the hall, the table, formys, and all the brewying vessell and standards in the brewhouse and bakehouse, one hole plow, a cart and V horse to go withall, a gilt goblet with a cover, that was my faders, and a gilt cuppe with a cover standing, a grete potte of brasse, and a secunde potte of brasse, II spits, a grete and a lesse, II coberdy, and a garnish of vessell in the chambyr ovyr the parlour, the bedde of bokkys

[1] Daughter of his sister Katherine, the wife of Francis Froxmore, Esquire.

[2] Daughter of his brother William above-mentioned; she afterwards married .... Shingleton.

tester seder, corteyns, counterpoynt, fether-bedde, bolster, and II pelowes, and one payre of blanketts; Item, I bequeth to the priour and monkys of Ey Abbey xx *s.*; Item, I bequeth to the Churche of Ey four combe whete; to the Churche of Oxon IIII combe whete; to the Churche of Dysse IIII combe whete; to the Church of Palgrave, one combe whete; to the Churche of Shotle one combe whete; to the Churche of Billingford one combe whete; to the Churche of Yaxley, a combe whete; the residue of my goodes and corn at Bartillisdon, at London, or elliswhere, in the realme of England, not bequethide, my dettis and my bequessts payde, I give frely unto Elisabeth, now my wife. Item, I bequeth to a preest to syng and pray for my saule, my faders soule, my moders soule, all my frendys soules, and all Cristeyn soules for III yeres xxIIII mare sterling; Item, I ordeyn and make to the execution of myn testament, and other my last wille, Elisabeth, now my wife, my broder William Cornwalleys, and Robart Melton, to to whome I give for their labour eche of them LXVI *s.* VIII*d.*; and my brother Robart Cornewaleys. Theise bearing witnesse, John Whitte, Doctour, William Singulton, John Constable, Clerk, person of Brome, John Clerk. Also I bequeth to the Abbot of Bury myn ambulling nagge, that I bought of John Revett. Also, I bequeth to John Reve, my godson xx *s.* *

JOHN WILLYNSON.

John Willynson, of Iver, in Bucks, 2d May 1499. My body to be buried in the Church-yard. I will that if Alice, my wife, recover my lands in Woodsbrigge, that she shall have them for term of her life; remainder to Thomas, my son; remainder to my daughter.

Proved 13th March 1506[1].

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* From Collins' Peerage, vol. i. p. 302.

[1] Query, 1506-7?

SIR HENRY COLET, KNT.

Henry Colet[1], Citizen and Alderman of London, 27th September 1505. My body to be buried in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul of London, in some convenient place there, after the discretion of mine executors, if it happen me to decease within the City of London; or else, if it happen me to decease at Stebunhithe, then I will that my body be buried in the parish Church there, at sepulture before St. Dunstan in the same Church, if the vicary thereof be so pleased, and my body so buried, then I will that all my debts be truly paid. To the high altar of the parish Church of St. Antony, of London, whereof I am now a parishioner, for my tithes and oblations forgotten or negligently withholden, if any such be, in discharging of my conscience, as I know none so to be, and to the intent the curate there pray for my soul x *s.*; to the high altar of the parish Church of Stebunhithe to the like intent x *s*; also I will that my executors, as soon as they may goodly after my decease, provide and ordain two honest chaplains of good name and fame and honest conversation, that one to sing and say mass, and other divine service daily, when he is disposed, in the parish Church of Stebunhithe, and the other in the parish Church of St. Antony aforesaid, and to pray especially for my soul, the souls of my father and mother, and of my children, and for all Christian souls, by the space of fifteen years next following after my decease, and that either of the same chaplains have for their labour yearly, during the said fifteen years vii *l.* vi *s.* viii *d.*; to the exhibition of poor scholars studying in holy divinity at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, to be disposed amongst them after the discretion of mine executors c *l.*; Item, I bequeath another c *l.* to be disposed by the discretion of my said executors in noyous ways, where they shall think most needful and most meritorious for my soul; to the marriages of poor maidens of good name and fame c *l.*; and I will that

[1] He was Sheriff of London in 1477, and Lord Mayor thereof in 1486. His son mentioned in his will was the celebrated Dean Colet, whose testament will be found in a subsequent page.

every of my maiden servants which shall happen to be in household service with me at the time of my decease, have to her marriage a portion of the said c *l.* after the discretion of mine executors, and beside that a gown cloth of black cloth; to William Colete, my brother's son his children, and other of my kin, to the number of ten persons, with the same William and his children, to be named by the discretion of mine executors, c *l.* to be paid unto them weekly, that is to say, to every of them IV *d.* by the week; to the works of the body of the parish Church of Stebunhith aforesaid XL *s.*; to every man servant being in service with me at the time of my decease XL *s.* in money and a black gown, beside their wages; to William Middilton, late my servant XL *s.* and a black gown; to William Baley, of Wendover XL *s.*; to William Rote, of Stebunhith aforesaid XL *s.*; the residue of all my goods, &c. I give and bequeath wholly unto Dame Christian, my wife, and to M. John Colette, Doctor of Holy Divinity, my son; the which Dame Christian and the said M. John Colette I make and ordain mine executors.

Proved 20th October 1505*.

ELIZABETH DUTCHESS OF NORFOLK.

Her first Will, made when she was the widow of Sir Humphrey Bourchier.

I, Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Frederick Tylney, son and heir of Philip Tylney, sometime Canon and Residentiary of Lincoln, late wife of Humphrey Bourgchier, Knt. son and heir of John Bourgchier, Lord Berners, Knight, in pure widowhood, 28th Feb. 11 Edward IV. 1472. All my manors, lands, &c. whereof John Say, Knight, and others, are enfeoffed, in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Lincoln, York, and Stafford, to my use to perform my will. I will that my feoffees give all my said manors, lands, &c. excepting Stonham, Aspale, Est Bergholt, and Cowling, in Suffolk, to me only, or to me and the person with whom I

* From Knight's Life of Dean Colet, ed. 1823, p. 398.

shall marry for term of our lives without waste, with the reversion in the feoffees, &c.; to Margaret and Anne, my daughters, c *l.* each.

Her Second Will, when the wife of Thomas Howard, son and heir apparent of John Lord Howard, afterwards Duke of Norfolk.

Dame Elizabeth Howard, daughter and heir of Frederick Tylney, late the wife of Humphrey Bourgchier, Knight, son and heir of John Bourgchier, Lord Berners, Knight, and now the wife of Thomas Howard, son and heir of John Lord Howard, Knight, made, and by me openly declared at London 8th May 1472, of all the manors, lands, &c. in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Lincoln, York, and Stafford, whereof Sir John Say, Knight, and others are feoffees; I will that they convey to my foresaid beloved husband Thomas Howard, after my decease, for his life only, half dele of them, and the other half to the like uses; I will that if John Bourghchier, my son, die without issue during my and my husband's life, then Margaret and Anne to have none of the c *l.* given by my other will.

Her third Will made after her husband became Duke of Norfolk.

Elizabeth, Duchess of Norfolk [1], 6th November 1506. My body to be buried in the nun's quire of the Minories without Aldgate in London, nigh unto the place where Anne Montgomery is buried. I will that no more than xx torches shall be used at my burial and my month's end; also that no dole or money be given at either of those solemnities, but instead thereof I will that c marks be distributed to poor folks, viz. to every poor man and woman in the parish of Whitechapel and Hackney VIII *d.*; whereas I had the marriage and wardship of Gilbert Pynchbeke, son and heir of Thomas Pynchbeke, which I bought of the

[1] She was the daughter and sole heir of Sir Frederick Tylney, Knight, and married, first, Sir Humphrey Bourchier, Knight; and secondly, Thomas Howard, second Duke of Norfolk, K. G.

Earl of Oxford. And I constitute Sir Robert Lovell, Knight, Sir Edmund Jermy, Knight, Mr. Thomas Cosyn, Doctor of Divinity, Mr. John Talbot, Doctor of Physick, and Mr. William Holme, Clerk, my executors *.

Proved 28th June 1507.

JOHN WARDE.

John Warde, of London, of the age of XVII years, son of Thomas Warde, of Agmondesham, 2d September 1507. My body to be buried where it fortune me to die; to the reparation of which Church XL s.; I will that a priest sing for my soul at Agmondesham for a year, and I bequeath for his salary X marks; to Alice Brawying, my aunt, XX marks; the residue of my goods I bequeath to Henry Joskyn and Richard Brawchyng, my executors.

Proved 31st July 1508.

WILLIAM INGSWELL.

William Ingswell, Citizen and Mercer of London, 22d January 1506[1]. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Thomas D'Acres. To the Church of Fenny Stratford; Maryon, my wife, now great with child; Mary my daughter; Simon Rice, James Gentill, Merchants; Mr. John Yonge, parson of . . . . . ; I will that Maryon, now my wife, have my lands in Brickhill and Turneteston for life; remainder to my son, if any born, or else to my daughter Mary and the daughter, if any born; remainder to Henry, my brother, and his heirs. Proved 15th February 1506[2].

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 268, and a MS. note of this will, and the abstracts in Collins' Baronies by Writ, p. 335.

[1] Query, 1506-7?

[2] Ibid.

CHRISTOPHER PEYTON, ESQ.

Christopher Peyton, of Iselham, in the county of Cambridge, Esquire[1], 1505. My wife Elizabeth; my brother Francis Peyton, and Christopher his son; my nephews Sir Robert and Edward Peyton. Proved 1507 *.

HUMPHREY TIRRELL, ESQ.

Humphrey Tirrell, of Thornton, in the county of Bucks. My body to be buried in Leez Priory. My wife Elizabeth; my sons John, Thomas, Humphrey; my daughters Elizabeth, Anne, and Maud. Proved 1507 *.

CHRISTOPHER PETYTT.

Christopher Petytt. My body to be buried in the Church of the Blessed Virgin of Westwell. Richard Neale, Vicar there. John Petytt, my brother; John Clarke, my brother-in-law. Proved April 20th 1507 at Canterbury.

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[1] Apparently the eldest son of Thomas Peyton, Esquire, by Margaret his second wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Hugh Francis, and widow of Thomas Garnish, Esquire. He was Sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon 12 Henry VII. and having married Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Hide, Esquire, died s. p. 15 Henry VII. leaving Francis Peyton his brother and heir, from whom the Baronets of that name are descended.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

SIR JOHN SAPCOTE.

John Sapcote, Knight. My body to be buried at Hartland. To Richard, my son and heir, my gold chain; my daughter-in-law Elizabeth Beaumont; to my wife all my plate at Alington, in the county of Huntingdon, for life; remainder to my son Richard. Proved 28th May 1507 *.

RICHARD BURWASHE.

Richard Burwashe, of Hederon, 12th November 1507. I will that Margery, my wife, take and receive the profits of my lands lying within the parish of Egerton-upon-the-Denne, of Keldryden, and of my messuage called the Moote, lying within the parish of Hederon, for her life; remainder to John and Edward, my sons, jointly for ever; Eleanor my daughter. Proved at Canterbury.

WILLIAM WATER, CLERK.

Sir William Water, Vicar of the parish Church of New Church, 30th June 1508. My body to be buried in the high chancel of the said Church, before the image of St. Peter there. My long gown of the colour of black murry, and my best bonnet; my coat of the colour of violet bound with velvet; my short gown; Sir William Marshall, parson of the parish of Warehorn; my velvet tippet; my furred coat. Proved at Canterbury.

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

THOMAS BOYS, ESQ.

Thomas Boys, of Godengston, 22d August 1508. My body to be buried in the Church there, before the altar of St. Margaret. Agnes, Mercy, and Anne, my daughters; Thomasine my wife; I will that a marble stone be laid for me and my wife upon my grave; to William, my son, all my lands and tenements in the parish of Godenytone, in tail male; remainder to my son Robert in like tail; remainder to my son Richard in like tail; remainder to my brother John Boys and his heirs for ever; I bequeath all my lands and tenements in Adsham to my son Robert in tail male; remainder to Richard; remainder to William in like tail; remainder to Agnes, my daughter, in tail general; remainder to Mercy, my daughter, in like tail; remainder to my daughter Anne and her heirs, for evermore; I bequeath all my lands, tenements, and brewhouse, within the town of Fordewiche, and my house in Sandwich to Richard, my son, in tail male; remainder to Robert in like tail; remainder to William, my son, and his heirs, for ever; I will that my manor of Wenterton be sold.

Proved at Canterbury.

ROBERT BROWNE, ESQ.

Robert Browne, Esquire, 9th December 1509, Comptroller of the honourable house of the right noble Lord Thomas Earl of Arundel. My body to be buried in the Abbey of Feversham, before the rood of Pity, in the overharde of the Church, or else in the College of Arundel within our Lady Chapel there, next unto the Earl Thomas, sometime Earl of Arundel's image of St. Margaret, in the Church of Luddenham: to Anne, my wife, all my manors, lands, and tenements, rents, and services, in the county of Kent, for her life; remainder to my daughter Eleanor, wife of Thomas Fogge, Sergeant Porter to the King, and the heirs of her body; remainder to my own right heirs.

Proved at Canterbury.

KATHERINE LADY BRAY.

Dame Katherine Bray[1], sometime wife of Sir Reginald Bray, 15th December 1507. My body to be buried in the College of Windsor near my husband.

Proved 7th February 1507-8.

SIR THOMAS DE LA LAUNDE, KNT.

Thomas De la Launde, of North Witham, in the county of Lincoln, son of Sir Thomas De la Launde, 1507. My late wife Katherine; Anne now my wife; my father Tempest; my brother Richard De la Launde; my sisters Anne De la Launde, Margaret Berkley, and Jane Wymeswold.

SIR WILLIAM KALEWAY, KNT.

William Kaleway, Knight, 1507. My body to be buried in Rokeburne; my wife Joan and my son John Kaleway.

SIR ROBERT BROUGHTON, KNT.

Robert Broughton, Knight, 20th June 19 Henry VII. 1504. My body to be buried in Denton Church. To Katherine, my wife, my manors of Crowley and Chicheley, in the county of Bucks, for life; to my brother William my manor of Wolston, in Bucks; to my brother Edward my manor of Denton Broughton, in Bucks, for life. And I

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[1] Apparently the widow of Sir Reginald Bray, K. G. whose will is inserted in p. 446.

appoint Katherine, my wife, Edmund Felton, John Leynton the elder, John Andrews, and Henry Spalding, my executors, and John Earl of Oxford, supervisor.

Proved 10th July 1507.

JOHN BYSSHOPE.

John Bysshope, 26th February 1508[1]. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Michael at Chinden in Bucks. Amy my wife; Thomas Lane and Joan his wife. I appoint my brother Robert Phelpe, and Roger Brampton, and William Bysshope, supervisors of this my will. Witness William Ketyng, Vicar of Hutchinden.

Proved 30th September 1509.

SIR ANTHONY BROWN, KNT.

Anthony Brown, Knight[2], Lieutenant of the Castle of Calais 25th September 1505. My body to be buried in the Church of the Resurrection in St. Nicholas's Chapel, near my wife. To every brotherhood within the said Church x*s.*; to the Lord Prior of Christ Church Canterbury a standing cup of silver gilt; also the like cup to Sir Edward Poynings and Sir Hugh Conway, whom I appoint overseers of my will, and I constitute Lucy[3], my wife, my executrix. Proved 19th November 1506.

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[1] Query, 1508-9?

[2] Eldest son of Sir Thomas Brown, by Eleanor, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Arundel, alias Fitz-Alan, brother of John Earl of Arundel. He was seated at Cowdray in Sussex, and in 1485 was constituted Standard Bearer throughout the whole realm of England, and was knighted for his conduct at the battle of Newark; at his death, which took place in 1506, he was Lieutenant of the Castle of Calais, and appears during the whole of the reign of Henry VII. to have been a valiant soldier and a faithful subject.

[3] His second wife, daughter and coheir of John Nevill, Marquess

RICHARD LATHAM, ESQ.

Richard Latham, of Coblington, 19th September 1508. To the repair of the bells at Coblington vi *s.* viii *d.*; to the Church of Upston, where I was born xx *s.*; I will that a priest sing at Coblington for a year. And I appoint Janet, my wife, and Nicholas Latham, my executors.

Proved 1st December 1508.

RICHARD LORD ST. AMAND.

Richard St. Amand, Knight[1], Lord St. Amand, 12th June 1508. My body to be buried in the Church of Black Friars, London, next Ludgate. To my niece Leverseye[2],

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of Montagu, and widow of Sir Thomas Fitzwilliam, of Aldwarke, co. York; by her Sir Anthony Browne had Anthony his son and heir, who was afterwards a Knight of the Garter, and father of Anthony, who was created Viscount Montagu 21st September 1554, which dignity is now extinct.

[1] Richard Beauchamp, Lord St. Amand, son and heir of Sir William Beauchamp, who having married Elizabeth, eldest daughter and coheir of Gerard Braybroke, son and heir of Sir Gerard Braybroke, by Alianore, daughter, and eventually sole heir of Almaric fourth Lord St. Amand, was summoned to Parliament as Lord St. Amand from 27th to 33d Henry VI. and died in 1457, leaving Richard (the testator) his son and heir. Richard Lord St. Amand was attainted 1 Richard III. but was fully restored in blood and honours 1 Henry VII. and was summoned to Parliament 12 Henry VII.; it does not appear who he married, but it is certain that he died in 1508 without lawful issue.

[2] It is a point of some importance to ascertain whether his *niece Leversaye* was the daughter of his *own* sister, for if he had a sister who left issue, the Barony of St. Amand must be vested in her descendants. The editor is not aware of any pedigree which states that William Beauchamp, Lord St. Amand, had any other issue by Elizabeth Braybroke than his son Richard, the testator; and it is

a cup gilt; I will that my feoffees stand seised of all my lands in the counties of Bedford, Hereford, Devon, Bucks, Berks, and Huntingdon, to the use of myself and Ann my wife, and the heirs of my body; remainder to Anthony St. Amand[1], son of Mary Wroughton, and the heirs of his body; to Elizabeth St. Amand[2], and her heirs; to the right heirs of Sir Gerard Braybroke; I bequeath my manor of Charlton Wilts to Henry Longe, son and heir of Sir Thomas Longe, Knight, and his heirs; I will that my executors sell my manor of Weston Longueville. And I constitute Anne, my wife, and Sir Thomas Long, my executors, and Edmund Dudley, Esquire, overseer.

Proved 8th July 1508.

THOMAS RAMSEY, GENT.

Thomas Ramsay, of Hucham, in the county of Bucks, Gent. 23d September 1509. My body to be there buried. To Ann, my daughter, XL *l.* out of my manor of Crolton; to Jane, my daughter, XL *l.* out of my manor of Ildesley; to John my son; to Margaret, my wife, my lands in Bucks, Berks, and Northampton, for life; and I appoint her my sole executrix, and William Bulstrode, Esquire, supervisor. Witnessed by Robert Woodford, Gent. and Sir Richard Sperman, Parson of Hucham.

Proved 27th February 1509-10.

ELIZABETH LADY GREYSTOCK.

Dame Elizabeth Greystock, widow, late wife of Sir John

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possible that he might describe the child of his *wife's sister* as *his niece*, but as we are not informed who he married, it would require much research to decide the question satisfactorily.

[1] His natural son.

[2] Query, if his natural daughter?

Vavasour, Knight[1], 14th May 1509. My body to be buried in the Monastery of St. Elene within Bishopsgate, in London, in the Chapel of our Lady in the North side of the same Chapel. To the Priory and Convent of St. Elyns my bason and ewer of silver; my brother Robert Taylboys[2]; to my sister Maud Tirwhit[3], my chain and cross of gold, and to my cousin Agnes, her daughter, my collar of gold and xx marks. Proved 16th July 1509.

ROBERT SANDYS.

Robert Sandys, of Harleford, in Great Marlowe, 26th May 1509. To John, my son, my house and lands at Colmanthorp, and my copyhold at Worpesden in Surrey; Jane my daughter; my brother John Sandys. And I appoint Margaret, my wife, my executrix; and Richard Andrews, John Sandys, Gentleman, and Richard Weston, Esquire, supervisors. Proved 21st June 1509.

BENETT WEBBYS.

Benett Webbys, of the parish of St. Mary, Sandwich, 28th March 1508. My body to be buried in the same Church before the altar of Jesus. To the finishing of the reparation of the Church-yard walls of St. Mary, which I had begun, as much money as will finish it, by the discretion of my executors; to the reparation of the bells of St. Clements VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to the Friars Carmelites XL *s.*; Alice

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[1] She was the daughter of Sir Robert Talboys, and aunt of Gilbert Talboys, who was created a Baron by Henry VIII. and is said to have married Sir John Vavasour, but it does not appear why she styled herself Elizabeth Greystock.

[2] Who is said to have died S. P.

[3] Wife of Sir Robert Tyrwhit, of Kettleby.

my daughter; Katherine my wife; John and Thomas my sons; . . . . Tykenherste, in Norbone; my manor of East Court, in the parish of Gillingham, with all my lands, rents, and services, woods, pastures, meadows, and saltmarsh, to the same belonging, with all and every its appurtenances, which sometime were belonging to the ancestry of me and my uncle John Grenestede wholly; remainder to my son John, in like manner as is aforesaid ordained and provided by my said ancestors Gyllinghams, sometime of the parish of Gillingham aforesaid. Proved at Canterbury.

JOHN AGMONDESHAM.

John Agmondesham, Gent. 16th May 1509. My body to be buried in the Priory of St. Bartholomew, London. To my two daughters Joan and Alice cc marks each; to Emma, my wife, my manors in Bucks, to keep my son John during his non-age; Emma, my wife, and Richard Balton. Proved 3d July 1509.

RALPH SHIRLEY, ESQ.

Ranf Shirley, of Westneston, in the county of Sussex, Esquire, 11th February 1509[1]. To the repair of the Churches of Chesham, Woborne, and Little Missenden, in Bucks, VI *s.* VIII *d.* each; I bequeath my lands in Hunderuge, Charluruge, Botley, Chesham, Leycestre Chesham, to Thomas Shirley, my second son; remainder to my eldest son and heir, Richard Shirley. Proved 8th May 1510.

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[1] Query, 1509-10?

SIR ROBERT FYNES, KNT.

Robert Fenys, of the parish of Hecham, in Suffolk, Knight, 28th March 1509. My body to be buried in the Church there. To Dame Eleanor, my wife, my lands at Hecham, and in Chelesworth, and in Ketewaston, in Suffolk, for life; remainder to my eldest son, and respectively to my other sons; remainder to my daughter Elizabeth.

Proved 12th May, 1509.

EDWARD EARL OF DEVON.

Edward Courtenay, Knight, Earl of Devon[1], 27th May[2] 1 Henry VIII. 1509. My body to be buried in the Chapel of Tiverton, near the grave of my wife, and I bequeath lands to the yearly value of IV *l.* to found a chauntry in the said Chapel I will that c marks be yearly distributed to the finding and exhibition of Henry Courtenay[3], son of William Courtenay, Knight, my son[4], until the said Harry

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[1] Son of Sir Hugh Courtenay, of Boconnock, co. Cornwall, and heir male of John, who was slain in 1471 at the battle of Tewksbury, the brother and heir of Thomas Earl of Devon, who was slain and attainted in 1461. This Edward Courtenay was created Earl of Devon for his adherence to Henry VII. and was afterwards installed a Knight of the Garter; he married Elizabeth, daughter of his kinsman Sir Philip Courtenay, of Molland, Knight, and died 28th May 1509.

[2] In Dugdale's imperfect abstract of this will the date is stated to be the 27th March; if the date in the text be correct, it appears that the Earl made his testament the day before his death, which is not improbable.

[3] His grandson, afterwards Earl of Devonshire and Marquess of Exeter.

[4] Who married Katharine Plantagenet, daughter of King Edward IV. Having been attainted vita patris he did not succeed to his father's honours; but, at Henry the Eighth's commands, he was buried with the honours of an Earl.

be twenty-one years; also cc marks for the exhibition of Margaret Courtenay[1], sister of the said Harry, until she be married; to Elizabeth, Maud, Isabel, and Florence, my sisters[2]. And I appoint John Smith, Doctor of Physick and Canon of St. Paul's, in London, and John Skewys, that hath married my sister's daughter, supervisors of my will.

Proved 11th July, 1509.

THOMAS MARRIOTT, CLERK.

Sir Thomas Marriott, Clerk and Parish Priest of Newington, 1st October 1509. My body to be buried in the Chancel of our Lady in the parish Church of Newington aforesaid. To my master the Vicar of the said Church, for my sepulture VI *s.* VIII *d.*; I will that my executors provide and ordain a marble stone, with an image and portraiture of our Saviour J'hu and of a priest kneeling, with a cedule in his hand, to the foot of the said image of J'hu, and in the cedule written these words:

J'hu fili Dei vivi miserere mei,

and other writings, with my name, in due order, to be added to the same, to lie on my grave, the which stone, with the portraiture and writings to be to the order and value of XX *s.* or thereabouts. William Adamson, Clerk and Vicar of Raynham and Newenton. Proved 8th November 1509.

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[1] This Margaret died young, being, it is said, choked by a fish bone.

[2] Elizabeth, married John Trethurffe, of Trethurffe, co. Cornwall, Esquire; Maud became the wife of John Arundel, of Talvern, co. Cornwall, Esquire; Isabel married William Mohun, Esquire; and Florence was the wife of John Trelawney, ancestor of the present Sir Harry Trelawney, Baronet. On the death of Edward Courtenay, Marquess of Exeter and Earl of Devon, in 1556, S. P. the representation of the second branch of this family became vested in the issue of the four ladies above-mentioned.

JOHN LORD DYNHAM.

John Dynham, Knight[1], Lord Dynham, 7th January 1505. My body to be buried in the Abbey of Hartland, in Dorsetshire, of which I am founder, if I die within one hundred miles thereof, otherwise in the Greyfriars London. To Lady Elizabeth, my wife, all household stuff in my place at Lamehithe, in Surrey, and one thousand six hundred and ninety ounces of plate. And I appoint Sir Reginald Bray, Knight, and Sir Robert Lytton, my executors.

Proved 4th May 1509.

SIR THOMAS BRANDON, KNT.

Thomas Brandon, Knight[2], 11th January 1509. My

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[1] Knight of the Garter. He stood high in the favour of King Edward the Fourth, and preserved his political importance on the accession of Henry VII.; for in the first year of that monarch's reign he was constituted one of his Privy Council and Treasurer of his Exchequer; he died s. p. l. leaving his four sisters his heirs; his wife was Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Lord Fitz-Walter, who married, secondly, Sir John Ratcliffe, Knight.

[2] Apparently the *uncle* of Charles, afterwards the celebrated Duke of Suffolk. Dugdale, in his account of the House of Brandon, states that Sir *Thomas* Brandon, the father of the said Duke, obtained the wardship of Lord Say, was elected a Knight of Garter, and married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Bruyn; but pedigrees of this family in Harl. MSS. 1079, 1233, and 1411, make Sir *William* Brandon to have been the father of Charles Duke of Suffolk, and which is confirmed by the above will, for it is evident the testator had no issue. His wife, whom he describes as the Lady Marquess Berkeley, was Ann, daughter of John Fienes Lord Dacres, and the widow, having been the third wife, of William Marquess Berkeley. It appears that this Sir Thomas Brandon was the person described by Dugdale as having been elected a Knight of the Garter, although that writer erroneously calls him the father of the Duke of Suffolk, who was the son of Sir *William* Brandon,

body to be buried in the Church of the Friars Preachers of London, as nigh the sepulture of Sir John Wingfield, Knight, as may be. I bequeath LX *l.* to the Friars Augustines, London, for a perpetual memory to be had of the Lord Marquess Berkley and the Lady Marquess, late my wife, my Lady my wife, my brother Sir Robert Brandon; to Charles Brandon all my gowns not bequeathed; my sis- Redinge; my niece Yaxley; my niece Dorothy; my niece Katherine; my sister Catherine Gorney[1]; Charles Brandon my nephew; to Lady Jane Gylford, widow, my place in Southwark, with my lease, which I have of my Lord of Winchester; I will that the marriage of the Lord Say, whose wardship I have, shall remain to Charles Brandon, my nephew, during the Lord Say's non-age; I bequeath all my purchased lands in Norfolk and Suffolk to Lady Jane Gylford, for life, she to pay to my nephew William Sidney xx marks a year; remainder thereof to Charles Brandon and his heirs; and I constitute Sir Thomas Lovell, Knight[2], and John Roydon, Esquire, my executors.

Proved 11th May, 1510.

ELEANOR LADY FENYS.

Dame Eleanor Fenys[3], 8th October 1509. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of All Saints of Hecham. Katherine and Elizabeth my daughters; John and Robert my sons. Proved 12th November 1509.

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slain at Bosworth Field. Vide the will of Elizabeth Lady Brandon, mother of the testator in p. 432, for proof that Dugdale's statement is erroneous. These observations were made on the narrative in Dugdale's Baronage, p. 299; the pedigree in p. 300 of that work agrees with the account here given.

[1] Query, *Ginney?* Vide Dugdale, vol. ii. p. 300.

[2] His sister Margaret is called "Dame Margaret Lovell," in her mother's will, and this Sir Thomas was probably her husband.

[3] Apparently the widow of Sir Robert Fynes, whose will is inserted in a former page.

SIR GILES BRYDGES, KNT.

Giles Bruges, Knight[1], 19th November 1511. My body to be buried in the Chapel of Cobberligh. To my daughter Anne cc *l.* and my best chain of gold, which I will be kept by my brother Henry, until she shall marry; Thomas[2] and William my sons; I will that the c *l.* which was promised with the marriage of my daughter Katherine, be paid to Richard Pole, Esquire, so that he leave such lands to his son Leonard Pole as he promised; to John, my son, all my apparel; Ursula my daughter. And I constitute Henry Brugges, my brother, and Edmund Tame, Esquire, my executors. Proved 18th February, 1511-12.

ROBERT FABYAN.

In Dei nomine Amen. Undecimo die mensis Julii, anno dominice incarnationis millesimo quingetesimo undecimo, ac anno illustrissimi principis, ac regis nostri Anglie Henrici octavi tertio. I Robert Fabyan, Citizein and Draper of London[3], thanke and lawde be thereof geuen to God and

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[1] Father of John first Lord Chandos of Sudley; he was knighted by Henry VII. for his bravery at the battle of Blackheath in 1496, and having married Isabel, daughter of Thomas Baynham, died in 1511.

[2] Ancestor of the Brydges of Hampshire.

[3] The well known Chronicler. For the following particulars of this celebrated character, as well as for the copy of his testament the Editor gladly acknowledges himself indebted to the research of Henry Ellis, Esq. F. R. S. and Sec. S. A. from whose valuable edition of Fabyan's Chronicles they are extracted.

Robert Fabyan appears to have been respectably descended; the name of Fabyan is occasionally to be found in early records, as people of some consequence and property, but there is no positive evidence to connect his descent with the persons mentioned therein. It seems that he was regularly destined for

to his blessed moder our Lady Seynt Mary, hole of body and of mynde, ordeyne and make this my present will and testament in maner and forme as foloweth. And first I bequeth my soule to the infynite mercy of our Savior J'hu Crist, and to the prayers and tuycion of his moost blissed moder our Lady Seynt Mary, blissed Seynt Cristoffer, myn

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trade, and at an early age he became a member of the Draper's Company, and was afterwards elected an Alderman of the Ward of Farringdon Without; in 1493 he served the office of Sheriff, and in 1502, to avoid accepting the situation of Lord Mayor, resigned his Alderman's gown on the pretence of poverty, when his public life terminated. It is not, however, by any other means than by his literary reputation that his name has been preserved from oblivion, as Fabyan possessed the singular and unprecedented merit of uniting the character of a merchant with that of a faithful chronicler. Nor were his literary exertions confined to the duties of an historian, for some efforts of his Muse are still preserved, and although they cannot be considered as very successful aspirations, they are entitled to attention from their curiosity, when it is remembered that their author was a merchant in the fifteenth or very early in the sixteenth century. But perhaps the most singular production of Fabyan's pen is his testament, and which the Editor hopes he is justified in reprinting at length in this work, from the curious bequests and details which it contains, and especially as it perhaps affords the most perfect illustration, which is extant, of the manners and customs of the times in which the testator lived; whilst highly important for that reason, is also deserving of notice from its displaying those traits of character which we are justified in attributing to Fabyan; for the minute directions given by him on every circumstance connected with his funeral and affairs, are no less characteristic of the merchant than of the patient circumstantial chronicler; and it also presents us with a specimen of his poetic genius. After his retirement little or nothing is known of him, nor were his able biographer, Mr. Ellis's, endeavours to find some memorial of his habitation attended with success. He is supposed by his learned Editor, to have died on the 28th February 1512. It will be seen from his will that he left four sons, but though several pedigrees of Fabyan are recorded in the College of Arms, none are connected with the testator, and as it may be useful to

advowry [1], and to all the glorious company of Heven, my body to be buried, if I die within the Citie of London, within the Church of . . . . . ; and if it happen me to decesse at my mansion called Halstedys, then I will that my corps be buried atwene my pewe and the high awter within the qwere of the parisshe Churche of Alhalowen, of Theydon Garnon, in the shyre of Essex; at whiche tyme of burying, and also at the monethis mynde, I will that myn executrice doo cause to be caried from London XII newe torches, there beyng redy made, to burne in the tymes of the said burying and monethes mynde; and also that they doo purvay for IV tapers of III lb. evry pece, to brenne about the corps and herse for the forsaid II seasons, whiche torches and tapers to be bestowed as hereafter shalbe devised; which IV tapers I will be holden at euery tyme by foure poore men, to the whiche I will that to everych of theym be geven for their labours at either of the saide II tymes IIII *d.* to as many as been weddid men; and if any of theym happen to be unmarried, then they to have but III *d.* a pece, and in lyke maner I will that the torche berers be orderid; and I will and bequeth unto as many persones as bere my body to Church, to everyche of them VI *d.* and

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some future genealogists, the following pedigree, compiled from his Will, is here submitted to their attention.

John Fabyan = Agnes.

- Robert Fabyan, THE CHRONICLER; Will dated 11th July 1511; ob. 28th Feb. 1512. = Elizabeth *, living 1511.
  - 1. John Fabayn,
  - 2. Robert,
  - 3. Thomas,
  - 4. Anthony,

    all living, and under age in 1511.
  - Joan, who appears to have married.... Haryat.
  - Mary, unmar. in 1511.
- John Fabyan, apparently dead in 1511.
  - Apparently also, four other sons and four daughters, who are all presumed to have died young.

[1] Apparently used as *patron*, St. Christopher probably being his tutelar saint.

* From the particular mention of the family of Sharp in the will of her husband, it is very probable that this Elizabeth was the daughter of a person of that name.

to suche II as lay my corps in my grave to everyche of them II *d.*; and I will that myn executrice, in as covenable wise as they may after my decesse, cawse three trentalls to be songen for my soule, and all Cristen soules; whiche III trentallys I will be songen at the Freer Augustines, the Grey Freers, the White Freers, for the which I will that myn executrice geve unto everyche of the said houses VI *s.* VIII *d.*; and if any of the saide orders refuse to synge the saide trentall for the said stypend, than I will that myn executrice geve all such money of the freers so refused, and depart it among poore householders of the parisshes of Seynt Benett Fynk, and Seynt Barthilmews the Litell, if I be buried within London, that is to say, to every household man and wif VI *d.* and to an householder beyng unmaryed IV *d.*; and if it happen me to be buried in the Church of Theydon Garnon foresaid, then I will that the half of such money of the freers refucid, be divided and geuen among the poore parisshons of the saide Theydon Garnon, and other parisshes next adioynaunt, and the other half as is abovesaid; also I bequeth unto the parson of Theydon Garnon, if he be present other at my burying or moneths mynde, if I be there buried, XII *d.* and if he be absent VIII*d.*; and I will that myn executrice cause at the least to be VI preests present at myn burying, whereof I will the highe masse of oon be of requiem, and the other V to be desyred to sing, oon a masse of the V wounds, the II^de^ a masse of thassumpcion of our Lady, the III^de^ a masse of all martirs, with a speciall memory of Seynt Cristoffer, the IVth a masse of all confessours, with a speciall memory of Seynt Nicholas, and the Vth a masse of all virgyns, with a speciall memory of Seynt Dorothe; to the either of which preests I bequeth, and euerych of them V *d.* with condicion that at the tyme of the lavatory, eueryche of theym turne theym to the people, and exorte theym to pray for the soules following and all X'pen soules, the soules of Robert Fabyan and of his children, the souls of John and Agnes his parents, the soules of Nicholas Sharp, Cristoffer Sharp, Amy, Mary, and Robert Sharp, Edmond and Cristoffer Sharp the younger, the soules of John Pake the yonger, and Johane his wif, John Wodchurch and Elizabeth his wif, Dame

Jane Lisle, Maister Peter Huse, Robert Tate, John Fabyan my brother, Thomas Gotton, John Benet, and all X'pen soules; and that doon to saye for the said soules *De profundis*, with the other prayers; also I bequeth unto the brotherhood of Seynt Cristoffer of Yorke XL *d.* with condicion that that the receyvor of the said III *s.* IV *d.* make fast, promyse, and cauwse suerly to be doon, that all the preests whiche be reteyned of the saide fraternytie may oon tyme in their masse, after the first receipt of the saide XL *d.* remember and pray for my soule by name; also I bequeath unto the brotherhode of Seynt Cristoffer, holden within the parisshe Churche of Seynt Mighell in Cornhill XII *d.* and to the fraternytie of our Lady, and Seynt Anne within the said Church XII *d.* requyring the masters of the fraternytie of our Lady and Seynt Anne, to desyre their preest, oonys in his masse to remember my soule, and all the soules before written; also I bequeath unto as many godchildren as I have lyving in the countie of Essex, and especially in the parisshes to my mansion adioynant, to every of them VIII *d.* willyng theym that be lernyd to saye, at thre sundry tymes *De profundis*, with the other prayers; and such as bee unlernyd, to say oon tyme our Lady psawter, remembring my soule and all Cristen soules; also I will that if I decesse at my tenemente of Halstedis, that myn executrice doo purvay ayenst my burying competent brede, ale, and chese, for all comers to the parisshe Churche, and ayenst the moneths mynde I will be ordeyned, at the said Churche, competent brede, ale, pieces of beffe and moton, and rost rybbys of beffe, and shalbe thought nedefull by the discrecion of myn executrice, for all comers to the said obsequy, over and above brede, ale, and chese, for the comers unto the dirige over nyght; and furthermore, I will that my said executrice doo purvay ayenst the said moneths mynd XXIV peces of beffe and moton, and XXIV treen[1] platers, and XXIV treen sponys; the whiche peces of fleshe, with the said platers and spoonys, with XXIV *d.* of silver I will be given unto XXIV poore persones of the saide parisshe of Theydon Garnon, if within that parisshe so many may be

[1] Wooden.

founde; for lake whereof, I will the xxiv peces of flesh and ii s. in money, with the foresaid platers and sponys be geven unto suche poore persons as may be found in the parishes of Theydon at Mount and Theydon Boys, after the discrecion of myn executors; and if my said monethes mynde fall in Lent, or upon a fysshe day, then I will that the said xxiv peces of fleshe be altered unto saltfyche or stokfyshe, unwatered and unsodeyn, and that every pece of beef or moton, saltfysh or stokfysh, be well in value of a peny or a peny at the leest; and that noo dyner be purveyed for at hom, but for my household and kynnysfolks; and I will that my knyll be rongyn at my monethes mynde after the guyse of London; also I will that myn executrice doo assemble upon the said day of moneth's mynde xii of the porest menys childern of the foresaid parisshe, and after the masse is ended and other obseruances, the saide childern to be ordered aboute my grave, and there knelying, to say for my soule and all Cristen soules, *De profundis*, as many of theym as can, and the residue to say a pater noster, and an ave oonly; to the which xii childern I will be geven xiii *d.* that is to meane, to that childe that begynneth *De profundis*, and saith the preces ii *d.* and to eueryche of the other i *d.*; also if it happen me to dye at London, than I will that suche iiii of my feliship as bere me to Churche have my ryngs of gold, wheryn ys graven "Memento," and the other too which goo upon the side of the bere to have viii *d.* a piece of theym, so that either of the vi persones saye [1] time *De profundis* for my soule and all Cristen soules; and to such ii of my brethren as lay my body into the pytt I will be geven viii *d.* that is to every of theym iv *d.*; and I will that my knylle be rong att the tyme of my burying, and that noo cost be doon upon noo monethis mynde, except a secret dirige kept by note and masse of requiem, upon the morn by note, and vi preests to syng vi masses, as afore is rehersed, doyng as above is said; also I will, that if I decesse in London, that myn executors doo then purvey xvi torches newe, and iv tapirs, weying euery

[1] Query, one time, i. e. once?

tapir vi lb. the which I will be holden by iv poor men, and not to be sett upon candilstykks, and not to be occupied nother torches nor tapirs, but at my burying tyme oonly, and upon the morn at the masse, and nott at the moneths mynde; and also that at the moneths mynde be kept nother drynking nor dyner, but at the pleasure of myn executrice; also I bequeth to the high aulter of Seynt Benet Fynk in London, for consideracion me moeving xii *d.*; and I will that after my funeral and monethes mynde ended, as above ys said, be it in London or in Essex, that xii of the foresaid torches be bestowed as after followeth; that is to say, first, ii of theym be geven unto the parissshe Church of Theydon Garnon, and oon unto the parish Church of Theydon Mount, and unto the parishe Churche of Theydon Boys, and oon unto the parish Churche of Lambern, and vii other I will be devided as followeth, that is to meane, ii of theym to be given unto the parisshe Churche of Seynt Benett Fynke, in London, and oon of theym unto the parisshe Church of Stanford Ryvers, in Essex; and also more I will that twoo of theym be geven to Seynt Mighell parisshe in Cornhill, and oon to the parisshe Churche of Seynt Barthilmews the Litell, and the viith unto the parisshe Churche of Seynt Cristofer, all iii parisshes beyng in London; and if any leve by the reason that I be buryed in London, I will that the tapers and also the said torches be at the disposicion of myn executrice; and over that I will that myn executrice, at the tyme of the deliuery of the foresaid torches, geve unto eueryche curat or curatts deputie of the forenamed ix parisshes iv *d.* to thende that my soule, and the soules above written may be remembred in their parisshe bede rolle by the whole space of a yere after; also I bequeath unto the ii pryson houses of Ludgate and Newgate x *s.* that is to saye, to every of theym v *s.* to be given to the prisoners most nedy, in brede, that is to meane, to that oon of these prysons euery weke, by the space of xx weeks vi *d.* begynnyng at Ludgate the first weke, and the secunde week at Newgate; and that weeke that Ludgate is served, that other to be spared; and in likewise when Newgate is served Ludgate to be spared, so that the said almes

may be contynewed to both prysonys by xx weks, as above is said: and the said vi *d.* in brede be given wekely to oon of the said pryson houses upon that day in the weke that it shall happen me to departe owte of this present lif, Sondays oonly excepted; also I will that after my funeralls fynysshed and endid, all my moevable goodes, as well stuff of household plate and other, what soo it be, except my wiffs apparell, with ryngs, beds, girdills, and all other necessaries, what soo to her belongith, with also such stuff of houshold and quyke cattall as I have at my tenemente or mansion of Halstedis, in Essex, be praysed and ingrossed in a summe, whiche said stuff of household, plate, and other what soo it be in London, and also my stuff of household and quyke catall beyng off myn at my foresaid tenemente of Halstedis, soo beyng praysed, engrossed, and sum'yd shall be devided in three even porcions or parts, whereof the first part I will be reserued to the payment of my detts, and of other charges, as my funeralls and legacies in this my present will before and after expressed, all which detts and other charges beyng clerely discharged, I will that the surplusage that of this my part clerly remayneth, be saffly and suerly kept by the discrecion of myn executrice, to the use and behoff of Mary my doughter, towards the sume of xl *li.* whiche to her I bequethe as to her marriage, by this my present testament, and the other ii parts of my moveable before expressed, except before excepted, I will shalbe devided, soo that to Elizabeth, my wife, I will the oon moytie be geven, and that other moytie I geve and bequeth unto my iv sones, that is to saye, John, Robert, Thomas, and Antony, soo that euerych of theym have lyke porcion, and noon of theym have more than another; the whiche porcions I will be deliuered to euerych of theym by myn executrice, at such season as euerych of theym comyth unto his lawful age; and if it happen any of the said iv sonys to dye, whiche God forbide, or they come unto their lawfull ages, I will that then all such porcion or porcions as shulde come to hym or theym soo dying, remayn unto the other on lyving evynly amongs theym to be devided; provided alway, that if the said ii parts be in

any maner of stuff or catall, or any part of theym, and not brought into money, that then my said wif to have the choyse off whiche half she best lyketh, and my said IV childern to holde theym contented, with all suche half as she refusith; also I will that my chalice, with my II crewetts and pax of siluer, before the praysement or division made of my foresaid moveables, with my best aultar clothis, and best vestment chyssibile, awbe, and all other to the saide vestment belongyng, with my great masse booke, and also the great prymar, whiche before daies I gave to my wif, remayn styll to her, in augmentyng of hir porcion; also I bequeth unto Johane Haryat, my doughter, a ryng of gold sett with a ruby; and I bequeth to John, myn eldest sone, my signet of gold, the bigger of the twoo; and that other signet of gold, with my puncheon of ivory and silver, I geve and bequeath unto Robert, my secunde son; and to Thomas I geve and bequeth my bagg ryngs of silver; and to Antony, my Spaynyshe bagg garnysshed with silver; and to Mary, my doughter, I bequeth a ryng of gold, sett with a turques, a dyamaunt, and a ruby; Item, unto my cousyn Dorothe I bequeth . . . . of money with that she byde with her after my decesse; also I will, that by the terme of IX years after my decesse be kept an obite within the parisshe Churche of Seynt Benet Fynk, of London forsaid, at the which I will be yerely present VI preests, to thende that oon of theym may syng a mass of requiem by note, and the other fyve to syng V masses as before been specified, and to say *De profundis*, at the time of the lavatory, for the soules above written; to eueryche of which VI preests I will be geven, soo they be present at the dirige over nyght, V *d.*; also I will that the Clerke of the said Churche have for his seruice in the quere and ringyng at the said obite, soo that oon pele over nyght be rong with all the bellys, and oon pele upon the mornyng in likewise XII *d.* and to the sexton, if any then be, and such laye men as be present and syng in the quere at the said obite, I will be geven to eueryche of them II *d.* and unto XII children, not passing the eldest of theym XII years, I will be geven XIII *d.* that is to meane, that the said XII children over

nyght, when the dirige ys ended, goo unto the place of my burying, and there knelyng, and in likewise upon the morn after masse and other obseru'nces be fynisshed say *De profundis*, for my soule and all Cristen soules; for the whiche charitie soo by theym executed, I will that he whiche is assigned to begyn *De profundis*, and saye the preces, have II *d.* and to euery of the other I will be given I *d.*; and if it soo happen that I be buried in Essex, as above is said, than I will that the said XIII *d.* be distributed amongs the poore people of the abovesaid parisshe Churche of Seynt Benett, after the discreco' of the churche wardeyns of the said parisshe, to whom I pray that they will of their charitees take upon theym yerely to see the orderyng of this obite; and for their diligence and labor aboute the same, I will that every of theym have yerely XII *d.*; furthermore I will that the said churchwardeyns doo to be ordeyned in spice bred VI *d.* and in white bennys XII *d.* and a kylderkyn of goode ale with VIII *d.* chese, to refresshe all comers to that obite, and to have the saide brede and drynke, and chese, spent within the Church, or in suche place as by the said wardyns discrecions shalbe thought more necessary; and I will that what remayneth of the said brede, ale, and chese, after the honest of the parisshe and comers to that drynking be servid, that it be dealed and geven unto the poor people of that parisshe, if any be, and ellys to suche as the said wardyns shall thinke it most nedeful; and I will that yerely during the said IX yeris, if my body be there buried, that there be ordeyned II tapers of II lb. every tapir, and II candilstykks, of the waxchaundler, and they to be sett at my grave, and to brenne the tyme of the hole obsequy; and if my body be ellys where buryed, that then the said II candelstykks, and upon theym the II tapirs, be sett in the Church at an hers, and there to brenne as above is said, for the which candilstykks and wast, and making of the said II tapirs I will the chaundiler have VIII *d.*; for mayntenyng of which said obite I will that my wif, or suche as holde my tenements within the said parisshe of Seynt Benett Fynke, yelde and paye unto the churchwardeyns for that tyme beyng yerely, during the foresaid IX yeres, every yere XIIIs.

IV *d.* for lake of payment whereof I geve unto the saide churchwardeyns, for that tyme beyng, sufficient auctoritie to distreyn in any of the said tenements, hede place, and other, as often as the said XIII *s.* IV *d.* is unpaid, or any parcell thereof, during the full terme of the foresaid IX yeres, wylling and praying the said wardeyns that after the charges of this obite be fully contented and discharged, that all suche money as shall remayn, whiche I estyme to be every yere XII *d.* or nere about, that they will geve the said surplusage, what so it be, unto som poore freer Augustine that will promyse to saye oonys *De profundis*, and three masses for my soule and the soules before written, with the psalmys of the passyon by oon tyme; and moreover I will that the soo son as the terme of these IX years be expired, that incontinently, at that XII monthes ende, another obite begyn to be holden within the parisshe Churche of Alhalowen in Garmons towne forsaid, and there to be contynewed by the terme of XII yeris; where first I will be III preests yerely at the said obite, whereof oon to be assigned to syng masse of requiem, another masse of the V wounds, and the thirde to syng a masse of thassumpcion of our Lady, and at the tyme of the lavatory euerych of theym to say *De profundis* for my soule and the soules above written; to the which III preests I will be geven to eueryche of them V *d.*; and furthermore I will that there be ordeyned for the comers to the said obite, in brede II *s.* and in ale III *s.* XX peces of beffe or moton, price XX *d.* II chesis, price of both XII *d.*; and I will and pray the churche wardeyns of that parisshe Churche, from yere to yere, then beyng, to ordeyn for the said vitaylls to the moste advauntage yerely as it cometh aboute, and for all other besynes concernyng the said obite; to the whiche wardeyns I bequeth yerely for their diligence aboute the premysses, to eueryche of theym XII *d.*; and more I will that the saide wardeyns doo purvey for XII childern, not passing the age of XII years, the which to be sett aboute my grave by II tymes, as above is said, and to say *De profundis*, for my soule and all X'pen soules, if I be buried within that Church, and if I be buryed ellys where, then I will that the saide childern be ordeyned

standing aboute the hers, and there to saye their prayers; and if so many may not be had of that age that can say *De profundis*, than I will that so many as lake may be such as can say their pater noster; all whiche children I will that they be rewarded as in the other obite is devised; also I bequethe unto the Clerke of that Churche, for ryngyng, and other obseruances to be doon by hym in the tyme of the said obite VI *d.* and to the werks or profitts of the said Churche for the wast of II *d.* of theyre sepulcre tapers to stand aboute my grave if I there be buried, or at the hers ellis where I be buried II *d.*; for mayntenyng of which said obite I will that my wif, or such as holde my londs called Pokis Tenement and Halsteds, with th'appurten'nces by the said yeris paye yerely during the terme of the foresaid XII yeris unto the church wardeyns forsaid, for that tyme being XIII *s.* and IV *d.* for lake of payment whereof, or of any part or parcell of the said XIII *s.* IV *d.* I geve full power over the said church wardeyns for that tyme beyng, and to their successours then yerely folowyng, to distreyn within any of the foresaid londs and teneme'ts, and their appurtenances, and the distres so taken to withold and kepe till the said annuytie for the terme abovesaid, and eueryche parcell thereof, be fully coutented and paied; and furthermore I pray and requyre the said wardeyns, that with suche money as shall remayn yerely over the charge paid and contented for the said obite, whiche I estyme to be X *d.* or there aboute, that they with the said surplusage will bye VI treen platers, and VI treen sponys, and VI peces of beeff; the which platers, sponys, and peces of beffe, I will be geven unto VI poore householders of the said parisshe, upon the Sonday next after the Sonday that my said obite shalbe kepid upon; for I will that my said obite be kepid yerly by all the forsaid terme of XII yeris, upon the Sonday next folowing the daye of my decesse; and if it happen the said obite to fall in Lent, than I will that for the peces of beeff abovesaid, and for the chese, be ordeyned pyes of elys, or som other goode fysh mete, to the value of the II *s.* VIII *d.* above expressed; and then also the VI peces of beeff before geven to the VI poore householders, be altered into goode

fysshe, after the discrecion of the said churchwardeyns, and so deliuered as above is specified; and also I will that if I decesse within the Citie of London, that within three yeres folowing myn executors doo make in the walle, nere unto my grave, a litell tumbe of freestone, upon the which I will be spent LIII *s.* IV *d.* att the moost, and in the face of this tumbe I will be made in too plates of laten II figurys of a man and a woman, with X men children and VI women childern, and over or above the said figurys I will be made a figure of the Fader of Heven inclosed in a sonne; and from the man figure I will be made a rolle toward the said figure of the Fader, and in hit to be graven Pater in celis; and from the figure of the woman another lyke rolle whereyn to be graven Nos tecum pascere velis: and at the feete of the said figurys I will be graven thes IX verses folowing:

Preterit ista dies, oritur origo secundi,
An labor, an requies; sic transit gloria mundi.

Like as the day his cours doeth consume,
And the new morow spryngith agayn as fast,
So man and woman by naturys custume
Chis life doo passe, and last in erth ar cast
In ioye and sorowe whiche here their tyme dide wast.
Neber in oon state, but in co's transitory,
Soo full of chaunge is of this worlde the glory.

And before upon the said tumbys border I will be written these words folowing:

Tumulus Roberti Fabyan, dudum pannarius ac Aldermannus London, qui obijt Febr .

And if I be buried in the Church of Theydon Garnon forsaid, than I will that within a yere folowing myn executors doo purvey a stoon of marbill to laye upon my grave, aboute the borders whereof I will be fastyned a plate of la-

ton, and within that plate graven thies words folowing:

Hic jacet Robertus Fabyan, dudum ciuis et pannarius London, ac Vicecomes et Aldermannus, qui obiit, die,

&c. And in the upper part of that grave stone I will be sett a plate, and thereyn graven a figur of our Lady with her child sittyng in a sterr, and under that II figurys with the children before specified; and either of the said II figures holding a rolle, wheryn, upon the mannys part, I will be graven Stella Maris maris. And upon the womannys rolle Succurre pijssima nobis. And in IV convenient places of the said grave stone I will be sett IV platts graven with IV skochens of Drapers armes, and at the fett myn own armes[1], and my merchaunt marke; and I will that this stone be of suche quantitie that it excede not the price with all costs of plats and graving ouer the sum . . . . . ; also I will that if it fortune me to be buried owte of London, that suche IV ryngs of gold, as before I bequeathed unto IV of my brethren Drapers whiche shulde bere my corps unto the Churche, that they be then geven unto theis IV of my brethren Drapers, whos names be folowing; that is to saye, to William Gam the first, the secunde to William Dixen, the thirde to Edmound Tryndill, and the IV unto . . . . . whiche said my brethern I requyre and pray that of their charities they will oonys, at tyme convenyent, say for my soule and all Cristen soules, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with the IX lessons and other prayers to the same apparteignyng.

TERRARUM DISTRIBUTIO.

Also I will and bequeth unto Elizabeth, my great tenemente, with all th'appurtenences and gardyn thereunto belonging, with all myn other tenements, as well chatell as free and fee symple lands whiche I have within the parisshe of Seynt Benett Fynk, within the warde of Bradstrete, of

[1] His arms were, Ermine, three fleurs de lys, within a bordure engrailed Gules.

London; with also my tenemente with th'appertenances standing in the parisshe of Seynt Mighell, in the warde of Cornhill, of London forsaid, the whiche John Lamplew, Draper, now dwellith yn and occupieth; to have and to holde all the foresaid greate tenement, with gardyn, and all other th'appurtenances, as is abovesaid, standing in the parisshe of Seynt Benet Fynke forsaid, with also the aforesaid tenement standing in the parisshe of Seynt Mighell forsaid, unto the said Elizabeth my wif, terme of her life, upon condicion that she lyve soole and withoute an husband, she bering all the charges and quyterents whatsoever they be goyng owte of the same; and also yerely, over and above the forenamed charges and quyterents, to paye unto the churchwardeyns off Seynt Benet Fynke forenamed by all the terme of IX yeres XIII *s.* IV *d.* for the mayntenance of myn obite before rehersed, and to repayre and sufficiently to uphold all the foresaid londs and tenements, for so long tyme as she doeth occupye the same; and after the decesse of Elizabeth, my said wif, or within a yere after she is or shalbe maried, if she soo be disposed not to live aloon, I will that then all the foresaid londs, as my greate tenemente, with the gardyn, and all other the appurtenances, with all the other my londs and tenements, as well free chatell and fee simple land, which I have within the parisshe of Seynt Benett Fynke forsaid, be solde by myn executors to the moost advauntage, and of the money that shall come of that saide sale, I will that Mary, my doughter, have as moche as shall make up the hole sum of XL *li.* before in this my present testament to her bequethen, to be to her deliuered at the tyme of the said sale, if she be then maried, and the residue what so it be, comyng in money or money worth of the said londs sale, I will and bequeth it unto Robert, my son, except X *li.* I will and bequeth to Antony, my youngest sone; and that then the forsaid XIII *s.* IV *d.* sett out for myn obite be yeerly paid of my tenemente in Cornhill, for so many yeris as then shalbe to come of the IX yeris forsaid; and then also the said tenemente to remayn, after the decesse of Elizabeth, my wif, unto Robert, my son, fore-

named, he than to bear the charge of the foresaid obite, till the full of the saide IX yeris be expired, to have and to holde the foresaid tenemente, with all thappurtenances, to the said Robert my son, and to his heyres and assignez for evermore; and if it happen the said Robert, my son, to dye before he come unto his lawfull age, which God defende, I will that then the saide tenemente, with all thappurtenances remayn to Antony his broder, and the money to the said Robert also before bequethed, the moytie thereof I will be geven unto the said Antony, and that other moytie unto Thomas his brother, if he then lyve, and ellys unto John, myn oldest son, to have and to hold the foresaid tenemente, with all thappurtenances, to the saide Antony, my son, and to his heyres and assignez, for evermore, they then to bere the yerely charge of XIII *s.* IV *d.* for myn obite, if than any of the foresaid IX yeres be for to come; and if the said Antony decesse or he come to his lawful, whiche God defende, I will that then the said tenement, with all thappurtenances, remayn to Thomas, my son, to have and to holde the foresaid tenement, with all thappurtenances, unto the said Thomas, and to his heyres and assignes for evermore; and for lake of Thomas then lyving, I will that the saide tenemente, with thappurtenances, remayn to John, myn eldest son, if he then lyve, to have and to holde the foresaid tenement, with all thappurtenances unto the said John, and to his heyres and assignes for evermore; also I will and bequeth unto my said wif Elizabeth, all my lands and tenements standyng, lying, and beyng, within the parisshes of Esth'm, Westh'm, Leyton, as well freehold as copy, Affebrigge otherwise Lamborne, Theydon Boys, Theydon Garnon, Theydon at Mount, and Stanfford Ryvers, or ellys where within the countie of Essex, with all their appurtenances to the said lands and tenements belonging, to have and to holde, all the foresaid lands and tenements as well free as copy, with their appurtenances, unto the said Elizabeth, my wif, for the terme of her lif, she berying all quyterents and other charges, to the said londs and tenements belonging; and ouer that yerely to pay unto the churchwardeyns of Teydon Garnon XIII *s.* IV *d.* by the terme of XII

yeres, for the mayntenyng of an obite within the said Churche, as before is more playnly expressed; and also that she repayre and sufficiently mayntayne all the said rents by all hir lives tyme, and so leve them well and sufficiently repayred; and also that she of hir modirly goodnesse and disposicion give yerely during her said lif, unto John, myn eldest sone and heyre, VI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.* towards his lyving, soo that he be kynd and loving, and obedient unto hir in all her nedys; and after the decesse of my said wif, I will that all my londs and tenements lying in the parisshes of Esth'm, Westh'm, Leyton, as well free as copy, Affebrigge otherwise Lambourn, Theydon Boys, Theydon Garnon, and Theydon at Mount, remayn unto John, myn eldest son, with all their appurtenances in the said londs and tenements belonging, to have and to hold all the forsaid londs and tenements, with all their appurtenances, as well copy as free holdis, unto the said John, and to his heyres and assignez for evermore, therewith to doo and dispose after their owne proper willys, they berying and paying yerely for the abovesaid terme of XII yeres to the churchwardeyns of Theydon Garnon forsaid, for the maynteyning of myn obite forsaid, if then any of the said XII yeres be to come XIII *s.* IV *d.*; and for my lands and tenements whiche I have within the parish of Stanfford Ryvers, with all their appurtenances, I will that after the decease of my wif, that they remayn holly unto Thomas, my son, and to his heyres and assignez for evermore, to have and to hold all the said londs and tenements, with their appurtenances, unto the said Thomas and to his heirs and assignez for evermore, so that he lyve tyll he come unto his lawfull age of XXI yeres, and if the said Thomas decesse or he come to the age abovesaid, which God forbide, I will that they the said londs and tenements with all their appurtenances, remayn to Antony, my sone, to have and to holde all the saide londs and tenements, with all their appurtenances, unto the said Antony, and to his heyres and assignez for evermore, if he then lyve and be of lawful age, as above is said, and if the said Antony dye, as God defende, or he come to the full age of XXI years, I will that

than all the said lands and tenements, with all their appurtenances, be sold by my executors, and the money of theym comyng, be devided evenly atwene my two sonys, that is to say, John and Robert, if they then lyve; and for defawte of theym not then lyving, whiche God of his mercy forbide, I will that then the said money comyng of the saide londs and tenements within Stanford, be devided atwene my II doughters, that is to say, Johan and Mary, soo that Mary have II parts of the said money, and Johane the thirde part.

EDMUND LORD GREY OF WILTON.

Edmund Lord Grey, Lord of Wilton, 5th May 1511. My body to be buried in the parish Church of St. Mary of Blechley, to which I bequeath x *s.* for tithes forgotten. To the Cathedral Church of Lincoln VI *s.* VIII *d.* And I appoint Florence [1], my wife, and Thomas Stafford, Esquire, my executors. Witnessed by Richard Grey, Chaplain; Reginald Grey, Esquire; and Thomas Musgrave, Chaplain.

Proved 15th May 1511.

THOMAS CADOGAN.

Thomas Cadogan, "Valectus Corone" [2], 12th June 1511. My body to be buried in the Church of Dunster. To the Church of the Blessed Mary of Penrise my best tunick; to Lewis Cadogan one of my gowns; the residue of all my goods and chattels I bequeath to Christian, my wife, and to William Cadogan and John Cadogan, my sons. And I constitute my said wife my sole executrix.

Proved 12th July 1511 *.

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[1] The daughter and coheir of Sir Ralph Hastings, third brother of William first Lord Hastings, of Ashby-de-la-Zouche, by whom he had several sons, all of whom, excepting William, died infra ætatem, when the said William succeeded to the Barony.

[2] Ancestor of the Earls of Cadogan.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. vii. p. 262.

MURIEL VISCOUNTESS LISLE.

Dame Muriel Viscountess Lisle, late wife of Sir Thomas Knyvett[1], 13th October 1512. I bequeath all my three sons and two daughters to the King's Highness, together with my wedding ring to him, desiring him to be a good Lord to them. And I appoint my father the Lord Treasurer of England, my executor. Witnessed by my Lord Treasurer, my father, my Lord Howard and Sir Edward Howard, my brothers. Proved 12th January 1512-13.

MARGARET COUNTESS OF RICHMOND.

In the name of Almighty God, Amen. We, Margaret Countes of Richmond and Derby[2], moder to the most ex-

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[1] She was the daughter of Thomas Howard, second Duke of Norfolk, K. G. Lord Treasurer of England, by his first wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Frederick Tylney, and married, first, John Grey Viscount Lisle; and secondly, Sir Thomas Knevet, of Bokenham Castle, co. Norfolk, Knight of the Bath; by her first husband she had one child, Elizabeth. who was twice married, but died s. p.

[2] This illustrious lady was the only child of John Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, brother and heir of Henry Beaufort, Earl of Somerset, son and heir of John Beaufort, eldest natural son of John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster, son of King Edward III. She married, first, Edmund Tudor, (son of Sir Owen Tudor, by Katherine, widow of King Henry V.) who was created Earl of Richmond 31st Henry VI. with precedence before all other Earls; he died 35th Henry VI. leaving by the said Margaret an only son Henry, who afterwards ascended the throne as King Henry VII. and became the progenitor of all the subsequent sovereigns of this Country. Margaret Countess of Richmond, married, secondly, Sir Henry Stafford, a younger son of Humphrey Duke of Buckingham, whose Will is inserted in a former part of this work; her third husband was Thomas Lord Stanley, who placed the crown on the head of his son-in-law, at the battle of Bosworth Field, and was created Earl of

cellent Prince King Henry the VIIth, by the g'ce of God King of England and of Fraunce, and Lorde of Irlande, our most dere son, have called to our remembrance the unstabilnesse of this transitory worlde, and that ev'ry creatur here lyving is mortall, and the tyme and place of deth to ev'y creatur uncerteyn. And also calling to o'r remembrance the great rewards of eternall lif that ev'y Cristen creatur' in stedfast faith of Holy Church shal have for their goode deeds doon by theym in their present lif, we therefore beyng of hole and goode mynde, &c. the VI day of Juyn, the yere of our Lord God a thousand five hundreth and eight, and in the XXIII yere of the reigne of our saide most dere son the King, make, ordeyn, and declare our testament and last will, in man' and forme folowing, that is to saye, First, we gif and bequeth our soule to Almighty God, to o'r blessed Lady Seynt Mary the Virgyn, and to all the holy company in Heven. And our body to be buried in the monastery of Seynt Peter of Westm'r, in suche convenable place as we in o'r lif, or our executors after our decesse, shall provide for the same within the Chapell of o'r Lady, which is nowe begon by the said o'r most deer son. It'm, we will that placebo and dirige w't lauds and w't all divine s'vices, prayers, and observants belongyng thereunto, be solempnly and devoutly songen and said in the daye of o'r decesse, by all the preests, mynisters, and children, of o'r Chapell, and masse of requiem, w't note in the mornyng nexte ensuyng, with all divine s'rvice, prayers, and observants belonging thereunto, in as solempne and devoute wise as they can doo or devise; and so to continue to synge and say daily ev'y day fro daye, as long as o'r body shall reste there unremoeved toward the said place

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Derby; but she had no issue by her two last husbands. This celebrated woman is distinguished by her encouragement of learning, for the advancement of which she founded Christ's College, Cambridge, and by other splendid benefactions. She died 29th June 1509, having just survived the coronation of her grandson Henry the Eighth. Some account of the Countess will be found in Cottonian MSS. Vitellius C. xvii. f. 329.

of our interment; and that ev'y preest and layman of o'r said Chapell have for his labor in that behalf for ev'y daye for ev'y suche placebo, dirige, and lauds, w't masse of requiem, XII *d.* and ev'ry child of the Chapell IV *d.*; It'm, we will that like placebo and dirige, with lawdes, and masse of requiem, be solemply and devoutly said and songen daiely ev'y day during all the saide tyme in the parisshe Church of the place where it shall please Almighty God to call us owte of this transitory lif to his infynite m'cy and grace by all the preests and clerks of the same Church; and by other preests to the nowmber of LX or under, and clerks to the nowmbre of XXX, or under, resortyng to the said Church. And that ev'y of the same preests beyng p'sent, and helping to suche placebo and dirige w't lawdes and masse of requiem, and saying also ther' masse for our soule have for his labor and reward in that behalf for ev'y suche time XII *d.*; and ev'y of the said clerks being present and helping at suche s'vice of ev'y such placebo and lawdes with high masse of requiem have for his reward IV *d.* and soo to contynue daiely till o'r body be remoeved, and to have like reward for ev'y daye It'm, we will, that o'r executors assone as they convenyently may aftir our decesse, cause solemply and devoutly to be songen or said for our soule in ev'y of XV parisshe Churches next adjoyning to the place of our decesse, by all the preests, clerks, and mynisters, of ev'y such Churche, placebo, dirige, with lawdes and masse of requiem, with all divine prayers and observ'nces belonging thereunto; and our excutors cause to be geven and deliv'ed therefore to the church-wardeyns of ev'y suche Church X *s.* to be distributed, that is to saye, to ev'y prest beyng p'sent, and helping all divine s'vice of the same, and also ther saying masse of requiem XII *d.* and to ev'y clerk IV *d.* and the residew of the same, if any remayn, to be disposed to the reparacions or ornaments of the said Church. It', we will, that ev'y preest, to the nowmbre of LX, beyng present in the parisshe Church where our body shall reste eny nyght betwene the place of o'r decesse and the place of our interment that shal be helping at all divine s'vices of placebo and dirige with

lawdes and masse of requiem, with note, and there saye placebo, dirige with lawdes, and masse of requiem shall have for his labor VIII *d.*; and ev'y clerk, to the nowmbr' of XXX clerks, beyng p'sent, and helping to sing and say placebo and dirige, with lawdes and masse of requiem, or seying there placebo and dirige, with lawdes, IV *d.* It', we bequeth to the curate of ev'y Church where our body shall reste at nyght, III *s.* IV *d.*; and to the wardeyns and parisshoners of ev'y such Church to th'use of the same Church X *s.* in money, and II torches; and to the ryngars of the bells of ev'y suche Church III *s.* IV *d.*; and we will that ev'y preest, laymen, and childern, of our Chapell have for their reward for the same daie like somez as is appoynted to be gefen to theym in our Chapell, as is bifore said; and we will that all the said masses and other masses that shalbe said for our soule aft' our decesse unto the tyme of o'r enterment excepte the high masse of requiem shalbe orderd and said as can be aft' the forme and order of a trantall. It'm, we will that o'r executors geve and deliver to the church-wardeyns of ev'y other parisshe that our body shall passe through toward the said place of our enterment, other then in the said citie of London XVII *s.* VIII *d.* and a torche, to cause placebo and dirige with lawdes, and masse of requiem, to be solemply and devoutely songen or said in ev'y suche Churche by the preests and clerks of the same; and to geve therof to ev'y preest for his labor VI *d.* and to ev'y clerk IV *d.* and the residew therof to be disposed for the reparacion of the ornament and Church of the same parisshe. It'm, we will that in like wise our executours yeve and deliver to the church-wardeyns of ev'y Church that our body shall passe through within the said city of London X *s.* and a torche to cause like placebo and dirige with lawds, and masse of requiem, to be solemply and devoutly said and songen by the preests, ministres, and clerks, of ev'y suche Churche, and to geve to ev'ry prest for his labor VI *d.* and to ev'y clerk IV *d.* and the residew thereof to dispose to the reparacions of the ornaments and Church of the same parisshe. It'm, we will that our executors yeve and deliver to the freres of ev'y of the IV orders of freers

in the said citie of London, for their labour to geve their attendaunce upon the comyng of our body through the same citie, and for placebo and dirige, with lawds and masse of requiem, to be solemply songen and said in ev'y of the Churches of the said freers XL *s.* It', to the prior and covents of Crist's Churche in London, Seynt Mary Spitell, Seynt Barthilmewes, and to the Abbotts and Covents of Tower-hill and Bermondsey, for a solempe dirige and masse to be hadde and kepte in ev'y of the same place to ev'y of theym XX *s.* It'm, to the Crowche Freers, and to the Prior and Covent of Elsyngspitell for a like dirige and masse to either of them XIII *s.* IV *d.* It'm, we bequeth to th'Abbot and Covent of the monastery of Seynt Peter of Westmynster, for placebo and dirige, with lawds and masse of requiem, and other divine service and observances to be had and doon in the same monastery at the daie and in the tyme of our enterment, as followeth, that is to saye, to the abbot of the same monastery, if he be there present XX *s.* to the prior if he be present X *s.* to ev'y monke present there, beyng a preest, II *s.* to ev'y monke beyng professed and noo preest, XII *d.* to ev'y monke beyng novice and not profeste, VIII *d.*; and at our moneths daye to every of the persones of the same monastery above rehersed, for like placebo and dirige, with lawds and masse of requiem, with all divine service and observannce belongyng therunto, the like somes of money as is above specified; and to the bells ryngars the tyme of our enterment, XVI *s.* VIII *d.*; and at our monethes daie VI *s.* VIII *d.*; and to the deane and chanons of the College of Seynt Stephen, for a like solempne dirige, with lawdes and masse of requiem, there by theym to be said and songen in the tyme, and in the daie of our saide enterment LX *s.* to be distributed by the discrecion of the deane and tresurer of the same place for the tyme beyng, for al maner of charges to be doon aboute our saide enterment; and to the deane and chapiter of the College of Wynburn, for a like solempne dirige, with lawdes, and masse there to be said and songen at the tyme and in the daie of our enterment XL *s.* It', we will, that our executours geve and deliver to the churche-wardeyns of the

parisshe Church of Seynt Margarets of Westm' XL *s.* and a torche, to cause a like solempne dirige, with lawdes and masse of requiem, there to be solemply and devoutly said and songen, in the same Churche, by the prests, ministres, and clerks, of the same Churche, at the tyme and in the daie of the enterment of our body; and to geve to every preest therof for his labor XII *d.* and to ev'y clerk VI *d.* and the residew of the same XL *s.* to be disposed to the reparacions of the ornaments and Churche of the same parisshe. It'm, we will that in the daye that it shall please Almighty God to call us from this p'sent and transitory lif to his infynite mercy and grace, and in the daie of o'r enterment there to be distributed in almes amongs poore people, by the discrecion of our executours, CXXXIII *li.* VI *s.* VIII *d.* or more, as shall be thought convenyent by their discrecions; and CC *li.* to be disposed in bying of clothe for our executors and servants, men and women, or other persones, by the discrecion of our executours that shall give their attendance upon the conveyaunce of our body, and our said enterment, and at our moneths daie. It', we will that o'r executors provide and ordeyne a convenyent herse, by their discrecion to be sett and occupied in the place where we shall decesse, in our Chepell, during all the tyme that our body shall reste there. It', we will that our executours provide and ordeyn by their discrecion another convenyent herse, in the parisshe Church where we shall decesse, there to be sett and occupied during all the said tyme. It', we will that our executours provide and ordeyn a convenyent herse by their discrecion in the said monastery of Seynt Peter of Westm', where our body, with Godd's grace, shalbe interred. It'm, we will that o'r executours provide and ordeyn by their discrecion torches convenyent to be occupied and spent in the place where we shall decesse; and in the parisshe Church of the same, till our body shalbe removed; and also to be occupied and geven by the way in conveying of our body unto the citie of London, and through the same citie unto the same monastery at the tyme of our enterment. It'm, to the torche holders in the said Chapell and parisshe Church for ev'y day till the body

be removed to ev'y of them IV *d.* It', for the wages of the torche bearers fro the place of our decesse unto the said monastery of Westm', and in the same monastery, to ev'y of theym, by the day XII *d.* It'm, we will that our executours content and paye the costs and charges of our household servants and officers, and of suche other convenyent and necessary persones that shall geve their attendance in conveying of our bodye from the place where we shall decesse unto the said monastery of Westm', and geve to every persone for his costs for every day VIII *d.* It'm, we will, that our executours content and paye to every of the same p'sones for their costs for II daies lying at Westm', and in the citie of London, the tyme of our interment, for every of them XII *d.* by the daye. It'm, we will that our executors geve to every of our household servaunts VIII *d.* for every day, for their costs, to bringe them fro' Westm' unto the place where our household shall be kepte aftir our decesse, by the space of a quarter of a yere. It'm, we will that our executors cause placebo and dirige, with lawdes, and masse of requiem, with divine services, prayers, and observaunces belonging thereunto, to be solemply and devoutly said and songen by the prests, mynistres, and children of our Chapell, in the place where our Chapell shal be kepte at the tyme of our decesse bifore the enterment of the same, and in some other convenyent place, by the discrecion of our executors, by the terme of XXX daies next ensuyng our said enterment; and to geve to every preest and layman of our Chapell beyng present and helping thereunto for his labour for every day that he shalbe so present and helping therinto IV *d.* and to every child of the Chapell I *d.* It'm, we will that our executors, in as goodly haste and breff tyme as they can or maye aftir our decesse, content and paye all our detts; and we will, that our said executors cause all our household servants to be kepte togider, and household kepte in all things convenyent for theym at and in suche convenyent place as shalbe thought by o'r executors most necessarye for the same from the tyme of our decesse by the space of oon quarter of a yere at the leste; and that our executors, by all the same time, shall provide and ordeyn,

or cause to be provided and ordeyned for all our said household servaunts; that is to saye, for as many of theym as will there soo tarrey and abide by all the said tyme, mete, drynke, and other thing convenyent for household, as they have used and accustomed to have had heretofore in oure householde; and also to content and pay to every of our household servaunts, bothe man and woman, their wages for oon halfe yere next after our decesse, as well to them that will departe within the quarter of oon yere after our decesse, as to theym that will tarry and abide togider in household during all the same quarter. It', we will, that our executors aftir our funeralls and detts contented and paid, shall truely deliver, content, and paye, all other legacies conteyned and specified in a scedull to this our present testament and last will annexed; all whiche legacies conteyned in the same scedull we will and ordeyn that they shalbe had, reputed, and taken as parcell of this our present testament and last will, according to the true entent and meanyng of the same; nev'thelesse we will, that if at any time hereaftir we for any cause reasonable doo alterate or chaunge any thing conteyned or specified in this our present testament and last will, or in the said scedull therunto annexed, or ellys adde any thing in writting scedull or codicell, the whiche shalbe heraftir in this our present testament and last will annexed, we will and declare that the same writting, scedull, or codicell, and every thing in them, and in ev'y of theym conteyned and written, shalbe taken, reputed, executed, and fulfilled as parcell of this our present testament and last will, according to the true entente and effecte of the same; and of this p'sent our testament and last will, we make and ordeyn our executours Richard[1] Bisshop of Wynchester, John[2] Bishop of Rochester, my Lord Herbert the King's Chamberlayn, Sir Thomas Lovell[3] Tresuror of the King's Household, Sir Henry Marney Chauncellar of the Duchie of Lancaster, Sir John

[1] Richard Fox. [2] The celebrated John Fisher.
[3] Knight of the Garter. Vide his will in a subsequent page.
[4] Ibid.

Seynt John[1] our Chamberlayn, Henry Horneby our Chauncellor, Sir Hugh Asshton Comptroller of oure Household; and we, in our most humble wise, hartly pray and beseche the King our soveraigne Lord and moost deere son, that it wold please his highnes to be sup'visors of this our p'sent testament and last will, and to be goode and gracious Lord, and to shewe his speciall favor, helpe, and assistance, to our said executors, and to ev'y of them in executing and performing of this our present testament and last will; and also that it would please his highness to see and cause as well all the premissez afore rehersed as all that hereafter is specified in this our present testament and last will, or in the said scedull therunto annexed, or that shalbe conteyned in any other writting or codicill to be hereafter hereunto annexed to be well and truely executed and performed in every behalf for the singular love that we bare and ever have borne unto his highness, as he will have our blessing, and be discharged before God, and for the singular trust we have in the same; and also we specially will and desire the most Reverend Fader in God William Archbisshop of Canterbury to be and cause as moche as in hym is or may be, all our said testament and last will, and every article therof, to be truly executed and performed, according to the true entent and effect of the same, as we putt in hym our singular trust *. Proved 17th October 1512.

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[1] Apparently her nephew of the half-blood, viz. son and heir of Sir Oliver St. John of Bletsho, eldest son of Sir Oliver St. John, by Margaret, sister and sole heir of John Lord Beauchamp of Bletshoe, which Margaret marrying, secondly, John Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, was by him mother of the testatrix.

* From Nichols's Royal Wills, p. 356, in which work the testatrix's foundation of Christ's College is inserted, but it has been considered too long to be re-printed in this volume.

SIR THOMAS BOURCHIER, KNT.

Thomas Bourgchier, Knight, 3d September 1512. My body to be buried in the Church of the Monastery of Boxle, in Kent, where I intend a chaplain to be founded to pray for the souls of my Lord Cardinal Bourgchier, late mine uncle; Dame Agnes and Dame Ann, late my wives; my Lord my father; my Lady my mother; Edward my son; to my nephew Thomas Nevill a jewel; to Thomas Colepeper, son of Alexander Colepeper, my godson: to Anne, my wife, the manor of Hasted, in Kent; I will that my manor of Aynford be sold, and that cc *l.* be given to the two Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, which is the gift of the Cardinal my uncle. And I appoint Sir Edward Poynings and John Peche, Knights, and Alexander Colepeper, Esq. my executors.

NICHOLAS SYDNEY, ESQ.

Nicholas Sydney, of Sussex, Esquire[1], 1st February 1512[2]. My body to be buried in the chancel of St. Peter at Yoxford, by my sister. I bequeath all my lands in Sussex and Surrey to Ann, my wife, for life; my sons Thomas Sydney, Robert Sydney, and Francis Sydney; my daughter Thomasine.

THOMAS WALPOLE, ESQ.

Thomas Walpole, Esquire[3], 24th May 1512. Joan late my wife; Alice my wife; John, my eldest son, deceased,

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[1] Apparently of the family from which the Earls of Leicester of that name were descended. [2] Query, 1512-13?

[3] Ancestor of the Earls of Orford; he married, first, Joan, daughter of William Cobb, of Sandringham, Esquire, by whom he had the issue mentioned in his will, and died 24th January 1513.

Ann, late the wife of my said son John; my daughter Agnes, wife of William Russell; Edward Walpole, my son and heir. And I appoint Henry my son, and my brothers-in-law Geoffrey and William Coble my executors.

Proved 7th April 1513 *.

SIR EDMUND GORGES, KNT.

Edmund Gorges, Lord of Wroxhall, in the county of Somerset, Knt. 26th April 1511. My body to be buried in the chancel of the parish Church of All Saints in Wroxhall. To my son the manors of Birdecumbe in Wroxhall, Naylsee, Tykenham, and Porteshed; with remainder to me and my heirs; my sons John Gorges and Edward Gorges; to Jane, my wife, late wife of Sir Morgan of Kydwelly, all such goods as came with her out of Dorsetshire. And I appoint Edward Gorges, my son and heir, my executor.

Proved 3d April 1512.

JOHN EARL OF OXFORD.

John Vere, Earl of Oxford [1], 10th April 1509. My body

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* From Collins' Abstract, vol. v. p. 38.

[1] Thirteenth Earl of Oxford. He filled a very prominent part in the transactions of his times, and experienced to the full extent, all the vicissitudes of fortune which attended personages of distinction in the wars between the roses. At the battle of Barnet Field he commanded a wing of Henry the Sixth's army, and after its defeat retired to St. Michael's Mount, in Cornwall, where, after sustaining a siege, he was taken prisoner, and was soon afterwards attainted; he continued in confinement until the usurpation of Richard, when, having effected his escape, he rendered such eminent services to the Earl of Richmond at the battle of Bosworth, that after the accession of Henry to the throne, he obtained important grants

to be buried at the high altar of our Lady's Chapel, in the Priory of Colne, in Essex, in a tomb which I have made for me and Margaret my late wife, where she is now buried. To the apparelling of the said Chapel (where my tomb and the tomb of my ancestors and friends before rehearsed be now and hereafter shall be made) of the ornaments and apparel now used belonging to the Chapel in my closet, viz. a chalice, &c.; to every house of religion hereafter ensuing, being of the foundation of mine ancestors, as well men as women, viz. the houses of Woborne, Stratford, Hatfield Broadoake, the Black Friars of Oxford and Cambridge, the house of St. Osilthe, the nuns of Swaffham, Hedingham, Skelton, the houses of Threnmall, Blackborough, and Bromhill; the White Friars of Lynne, and the houses of Blackmore, Royston Mendham, and Hempton; my nephew John Vere[1], son of my brother Sir George Vere, Knight; my uncle Sir Robert Vere[2]; to my nieces Dorothy[3] and Ursula[4] DC marks, when they become twenty-five years of age; I will that my household of Colne be kept for one year after my decease; to making the Church of Lavenham. And I constitute Elizabeth, my wife, Sir Thomas Lovell, Knight, Sir James Hobart, Knight, Sir Robert Drury, John Vere the elder, Esquire[5], Humphrey Wingfield, Esquire, John Danyell, Esquire, and Joseph Josselyn, Esquire, my executors. Proved 10th May 1513.

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of lands, as well as of honours, and was elected a Knight of the Garter. He married, first, Margaret, daughter of Richard Earl of Salisbury; and secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Richard Scroope, and widow of William Viscount Beaumont, but died S. P. S. in 1512.

[1] Who succeeded him in the Earldom of Oxford.

[2] Grandfather of John fifteenth Earl of Oxford.

[3] Daughter of his brother Sir George Vere; she married John Nevill Lord Latimer.

[4] Also a daughter of his said brother; she was twice married, first, to George Windsore, Esquire; and secondly, to Sir Edmund Knightley.

[5] Apparently his first cousin, son of his uncle Sir Robert Vere, and father of John fifteenth Earl of Oxford.

GEORGE LORD ROOS.

George Maners, Knight[1], 26th October 1513. My body to be buried next unto the place where I shall happen to die, or elsewhere, at the discretion of my executors. To the Abbey of Rievaulx L marks; to the Abbey of Kirkham L marks; to the Abbey of Wartre L marks, to the intent that they shall each find an honest priest to say mass daily for my soul for the space of seven years next after my decease, and once in every year to keep an obit for my soul and my friends souls; to each of my daughters unmarried CCC marks in ready money, if they will be ruled by my wife, to be paid at the time of their marriage, or within four years after, if the husband be not twenty-one years of age, or at such time as the husband come of age; I will that my feoffees suffer my executors to receive the profits of my lordships, manors, &c. called Helmesley, Storthwaite, Haugh, Cowhouse in Grane, Harom, Ravinshorp, Botteby, and Twineham Halle, in the county of York; except in Storthwaite, which is appointed part of my wife's jointure; also I will that my feoffees in my lands which Sir Robert Maners, my father, held and took the profits, except the manor of Barington, in the county of Northumberland, make a grant of XX *l.* issuing thereout yearly, to each of my younger sons for life, with a clause of distress, according to the indentures between me and my uncle Sir Thomas Lovell, Knt. dated 21st February, 4 Henry VIII.; also I will that my son

[1] Lord Roos, in right of his mother Eleanor, sister and heir of Edmund Lord Roos; he is said, by Collins, to have died at the siege of Therouene and Tournay 2d November 1513, but there is apparently some mistake about the date of his death; his Will is stated, both in a MS. note of it, and by Dugdale, to have been made on 26th October, whilst Collins asserts that it was dated on the 30th of that month, three days before his demise, but that writer gives the inscription on his tomb, from which it appears he died the "XXIII daye of Octobre, in the yere of our Lorde God MV^cXIII." that is, *three* days before the date assigned to his will by Dugdale, and in the MS. abstract, and *seven* days antecedent to the date given by Collins.

Thomas Maners[1] and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Lovel, Knt. and the heirs of their bodies, take the profits of the manors, lands, and tenements, called Poxley, Bindlowe, Howsom, Oswoldkyrk, and Ampleford, in the county of York; and that they stand seised of the same to the use of the said Thomas Maners and Elizabeth his wife, and the heirs of their bodies. And I constitute Anne[2] my wife, my uncle Sir Thomas Lovel[3], and my brethren William Fayrfax[4], and Thomas Fayrfax[5], Gilbert Stoughton, and Ralph Elwick, my executors*. No probate.

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[1] His eldest son, who was created Earl of Rutland 18th June 17 Henry VIII. 1595, and was also elected a Knight of the Garter. Elizabeth Lovel mentioned in his father's will was his first wife; she died s. p.

[2] Daughter and heir of Sir Thomas St. Leger, Knt. by Anne Plantagenet his wife, widow of Henry Duke of Exeter, and sister of King Edward IV. in consequence of which splendid descent her son received the following honourable augmentation to his Arms, "Or, two bars Azure, and a chief Gules; viz. the chief quarterly, Azure and Gules; on the first quarter, two fleurs de lis Or; the second quarter, a lion passant gardant of the third; the third quarter as the second; the fourth as the first."

[3] Vide the will of this Sir Thomas Lovel in a subsequent page; it does not appear in what manner he was related to the testator, nor is he described as his uncle in Collins's Abstract, though he is twice expressly so called in the MS. note before alluded to. It seems that the Sir Thomas Lovel in question was the brother of Sir Robert, whose daughter married the testator's son, but this connection does not account for his calling him his *uncle*.

[4] Sir William Fairfax, of Steeton Castle, co. York, Knight, a Justice of the Common Pleas, who had married his sister Elizabeth.

[5] Son of Sir William Fairfax and husband of his sister Dorothy.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. ii. p. 428; Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 296; and a MS. note of this will.

SIR ROGER NEWBURGH, KNT.

Roger Newburgh, of Dorsetshire, Knight, 2d August 1514. My body to be buried in the Abbey Church of Bury. To my good brother Nicholas Wadham, Knight, one hundred sheep; my aunt Dame Jane Bolney, of Wylton; to Sir John Marney and my daughter Christian his wife xx *l.*; and I constitute them my executors.

Proved 30th October 1515.

MARGARET DUCHESS OF SUFFOLK.

Margaret Dutchess of Suffolk[1]. My body to be buried in the house of the Minoresses without Algate, London, with my husband. To the Countess of Oxford, my sister, the image of St. Michael, adorned with pearls and precious stones. Proved 15th May 1515*.

THOMAS EARL OF ORMOND.

Thomas Butler, Earl of Ormond[2], 31st July 1515. To my godson John Talbot, son of Sir Gilbert Talbot, Knight, x *l.* and to Sir Gilbert Talbot[3], that he may be overseer of the executors of my last will, all my term of years after my

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[1] She is by Dugdale called the daughter of Richard Lord Scrope, and widow of Edmund De la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, who was beheaded 30th April 1513, by whom she had a daughter Anne, who was a nun in the Minories, London. It is however doubtful if she was the daughter of Lord Scrope.

* From Dugdale's Abstract.

[2] Earl of Ormond and Carrick in Ireland, and Baron Ormond of Rochford, in England; he died S. P. M.

[3] Knight of the Garter, and Governor of Calais.

decease of the place I dwell in, situated in the parish of St. Peter at Paul's Wharf in London, also xx marks in money, with two of my best gowns of silk furred, and all manner of harness which I have for war, for myself or my servants.

Proved 25th August 1515.

JOHN TATE.

John Tate, Alderman of London[1]. My wife Magdalen; my brother Robert Tate; my sister Alice Wayte; my cousin John, late Alderman of London. Proved 1514.

SIR EVERARD FIELDING, KNT.

Everard Fielding, Knight[2], 19th April 1515. My body to be buried before the altar of our blessed Lady in the Black Friars at Northampton, to which I bequeath a cope of blue velvet with garters, and a pax of silver and gilt, with two cruets of silver. To Dame Julys Fielding[3], my wife, LX *l.* of my lands in Martinshope, in the county of Rutland, and Stormouth, in Northamptonshire, in name of her dower, to the use whereof my brother Martin Fielding, with John Meryfelst stand enfeoffed; remainder to William

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[1] A Sir John Tate was Lord Mayor of London in 1473, and another Sir John filled that office in 1513; they bore for their arms, per fess Argent and Gules, a pale counterchanged, three Cornish choughs.

[2] He was Sheriff of the Counties of Warwick and Leicester 21st Edward IV. and in 1487 commanded part of the King's army at the battle of Stoke, and was also at the battle of Blackheath in 1497: on the marriage of Prince Arthur, 17th November 1501, he was appointed a Knight of the Bath, and in the 14 Henry VII. he was Custos Rotulorum of the County of Leicester, and died in April 1515. [3] Daughter of .... Russell.

Feldyng[1], my son and heir, and to his heirs and assigns; Item, I bequeath to the said William, my son, all my lands in Padox Newnham, Paylyngton, Streteston, Shelton, and Corley, in the county of Warwick, and in Billiswell, Lutterworth, Shawell, Cathorpe, Bruntyngshorpe, and Claybroke, in the county of Leicester, and in Claye Coton and Nortost, in the county of Northampton, also in Manton and Egleton, in the county of Rutland; to Peter Feldyng, my second son, all my lands in the Isle of Ely during his life; remainder to William, my son and heir, and to his heirs and assigns; to John, my son, all my lands in Thedyngworth and Mysterton, in Leicestershire, and Yolvertoft, in Northamptonshire, for his life; remainder to William, my son and heir, and his assigns; to Humphrey, my son, x marks yearly, to be paid by the hands of Martin Feldyng, my brother, out of all my lands in Holborn and Cathorp; to Jane, my daughter c *l.* to be paid out of my stock in Calais and of my other goods moveable; the residue of my goods I bequeath to Dame Julys Feldyng, my wife, Martin Feldyng, my brother, and William Feldyng, my son and heir, whom I constitute my true and lawful executors.

Proved 30th April 1515*.

SIR WILLIAM CAPEL, KNT.

William Capel, Knight, Alderman of London[2]; my wife

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[1] Ancestor of the Earls of Denbigh and Desmond.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iii. p. 207.

[2] Ancestor of the Earls of Essex. This eminent merchant is celebrated for his resistance of the extortions of Empson and Dudley, in consequence of which he was imprisoned in the Tower, where he continued until the accession of Henry VIII. He was knighted 17th December 1485, and represented the City of London in Parliament in the 7th Henry VII. and again in 1512 and 1514, and died September 6th, 1515.

Margaret[1]; my son Sir Giles Capel and his sons Henry and Edward Capel; my daughters . . . . . [2], wife of Sir John Zouch, and Elizabeth, wife of William Paulet[3]; my manors of Hadham and Walkern, in the county of Herts, Bacons in Essex, Beames in Wiltshire, Kingsworth and Claversham in Hampshire, Norton in Kent, South Wotton, Goderston, and Massingham, in Norfolk, and Stoneham Aspall in Suffolk. Proved 17th March 1515[4].

SIR EDWARD HOWARD, KNT.

Edward Howard, Knight[5], 1512. My body to be buried

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[1] Daughter of Sir Thomas Arundel, of Lanhearn, co. Cornwall, Knight.

[2] Dorothy, wife of John Lord Zouch, of Haryngworth.

[3] First Marquess of Winchester. [4] 1515-16.

[5] Second son of Thomas second Duke of Norfolk. This eminent personage ranked amongst the most distinguished soldiers of his times; his first essay in the career of arms was in Flanders, under the Emperor Maximilian, against the French 7 Henry VII.; in 1497 he was knighted, when with his father in the expedition into Scotland, and for his eminent valour was appointed Standard Bearer to the King on the 20th May 1509. On the 7th April 1512 he was advanced to the important post of Admiral, Captain Commander in Chief and Leader of all the King's Ships, Captains, and others, to be employed in the service of the Pope for the defence of the Christian Religion; and in the following year he was constituted Admiral of England, Wales, Ireland, Normandy, Gascoigne, and Acquitaine. These honours he was not destined long to enjoy, as he shortly afterwards fell a victim to his ardent intrepidity in an attack upon some French ships in the harbour of Conquet, when he was unfortunately separated from his companions in the enterprize, and forced overboard by the pikes of the enemy, having first, with the romantic feeling of the age, thrown his badge of office into the sea. He thus perished, on the 25th April 1513, leaving a name which will ever be associated with all that is chivalrous and brave. He was elected a Knight of the Garter, but died before he received notifi-

where God will. My manor of Morley in Norfolk, which my wife hath for her life, paying yearly to the Prior and Convent of Ingham in Norfolk, to find a priest to sing for me and her at the altar there called St. Esprit; also whereas that I have two bastards, I give the king's grace the choice of them, beseeching his grace to be good Lord to them, and that when he cometh of age he may be his servant, and him that the king's grace chuseth I bequeath him my bark called "GENETT," with all apparel and artillery, and L *l.* to begin his stock with; the other I bequeath to my special trusty friend Charles Brandon[1], praying him to be good master unto him, and for because he hath no ship, I bequeath to him c marks to set him forward in the world; to the queen's grace St. Thomas' cup; I will that Henry Parker, Esquire, son and heir of my said wife, have, after her decease, the said manor, to him and his heirs, upon condition that he amortizes to the said house x marks a year within twelve months after the death of my said wife; and I will that the Abbey shall be bound to find one secular priest called "Howard's Priest," and a new Friar, which shall be called "Howard's Friar." And I appoint Alice Lady Morley, my wife, and Charles Brandon, my executors, and for the labour of the said Charles I bequeath him my rope of bowed nobles that I hang my great whistle[2] by, containing ccc angels; also, for the strengthening of this my last will, I beseech the king's noble grace to be supervisor, and I bequeath his grace my great whistle.

Proved 18th July 1513.

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cation of the honour that had been conferred upon him; his wife was Alice, sister and heir of Henry Lovel, Lord Morley, and widow of Sir William Parker, Knt. but he had no lawful issue; by her first husband the said Lady Morley had Henry Parker (afterwards Lord Morley, jure matris) mentioned in Lord Edward Howard's will.

[1] Afterwards Duke of Suffolk, K. G. and brother-in-law of Henry VIII.

[2] The insignia of his office of Admiral of the King's Fleet.

WILLIAM COPE, ESQ.

William Cope, Esquire[1]. My body to be buried at Banbury. My sons Stephen[2], Anthony[3], William, and John Cope. Proved 24th May 1513*.

ALICE TAYLLARD.

Alice Tayllard 1513. My body to be buried at Dodington, in the county of Huntingdon. My sons Lawrence and Giles Tayllard, in ward to my brother-in-law Dr. William Tayllard*.

JAMES BISHOP OF ELY.

James Stanley[4], by the sufferance of our Lord God, Bishop of Ely, 20th March 1514[5]. My body to be buried in a new Chapel in my Cathedral Church of Ely, or else in my new Chapel now in building at Manchester. I will that the Chapel be made for me to be buried and rest my bones

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[1] Ancestor of the Baronets of that name; he is said to have been in high favour with King Henry VII. and to have died 7th April 1513.

[2] His eldest son; he was Serjeant of the Poultry to the Household of Henry VIII.

[3] His sons Anthony, William, and John, were by his second wife Jane, sister and heir of Thomas Spencer, of Hodnell, co. Warwick, Esquire.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[4] Son of Thomas first Earl of Derby, and uncle of Thomas the second Earl. He became Bishop of Ely 5th November 1506, and died 22d March 1515, and was buried, according to the directions in his will, at Manchester.

[5] Query, 1514-15?

in at the East end of my Cathedral Church, for the which I will c marks to be bestowed upon walls, iron work, glass, and covering, besides my tomb, on which tomb I will XL marks be bestowed, by the advice of Master Alday, Sir Ranulph Pole, and Sir John Claydon, my receiver; I give and bequeath to remain in the said Chapel a chalice gilt, &c.; I will that another Chapel be builded and made at Manchester on the north side of the Church, betwixt St. James Chapel and the east end of the same Church, with a tomb therein for me, by advice of Master Alday, Master Warden of Manchester, with xx *l.* a year for finding two priests to sing in my said Chapel; to Doctor Standishe XL *s.*; I will that Sir John Stanley, Knight, Thomas Stanley his brother, William Serjaunt, and Alexander Tyldersley, be my executors. Proved 23d May 1515 *.

AMY BRENT.

Amye Brent, of Charing in Kent, Gentlewoman, and the widow of William Brent, late of the same, Esquire, 3d May 1516. My body to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady of my own edification within the Church of Charyng. I will to my most singular good Lord my Lord of Bergavenny [1], my bason with the ewer of silver, and thirteen silver spoons with the figures of J'hu and his twelve Apostles; unto my own my especial good Lady, and my most singular comfort and trust in this world, my Lady of Bergavenny, a new cope of silver, with a cover parcell gilt, and a salt cellar of silver, with the cover double gilt; to my son John Brent a little bowl of silver gilt double, with the cover, &c.; to my daughter his wife; to Margaret Brent,

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* Lansdowne MSS. 949.

[1] George Nevill was Baron of Abergavenny at the date of this will, but though the testatrix styles the Lady Bergavenny her daughter, the Editor is not aware of any connection between them which could justify the appellation.

the daughter of my son John Brent; my little daughter[1] Amye Brent; to my son John Brent all my lands, manors, &c. in Cornwall and Devonshire for ever; remainder in tail general to my daughter my Lady of Bergavenny.

Proved at Canterbury.

JOHN YONGE.

John Yonge, Master of the Rolls and Dean of the Cathedral Church of York[2], 28th April 1516, 8 Henry VIII. My body to be buried in the Chapel of the Rolls there as the organs now doth stand. I will that a tomb be made over the place of my sepulture; I give and bequeath to my Lord of Canterbury[3], a salt of gold and my two gay salts clean enamelled; I remit clearly to my said Lord of Canterbury two bills of debt, beseeching his Lordship to be a good Lord unto my friends, namely to my poor servants; to my Lord Cardinal[4] a standing cup; to the new College of Oxford six gilt goblets; to the new College of Winchester six gilt goblets; to the making of the conduit in Rye c *l.*; I will that Master Grocen shall have his plate delivered unto him which I have now in pledge, without any manner of redemption. I ordain and make executors Mr. John Taylor, Doctor; Master William Trockmorton, Doctor; Mr. William Shager, and Mr. William Skynner. Item, I beseech my Lord of Canterbury to be overseer.

Proved 17th May 1516.

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[1] Query, Grand-daughter?

[2] He was admitted Dean of York 17th May 1514, and was appointed Master of the Rolls 22d January 1507. He died 25th April 1516, and was buried in the Rolls Chapel: some account of him will be found in Knight's Life of Colet, from which work this Will has been taken.

[3] William Warham. [4] The celebrated Thomas Wolsey.

MYLES BISHOP OF LANDAFF.

Myles[1], by the grace of God Bishop of Landaff, 29th November 1516. My body to be buried in the North end of our Lady Chapel, before the image of St. Andrew at the Gaunts[2] of Bristol; my heart and my bowels to be buried at the high altar in the Church of Marthern[3] before St. Theodorick; to the Church of Marthern xx *l.*; to my Cathedral Church of Landaff my mitre and staff; I will that my written books in parchment, and my books of Hugo de Vienna be delivered to Ensham.

Proved 22d January 1516-17.

SIR RALPH SHIRLEY, KNT.

In Dei nomine Amen, the 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord God 1513. I Raufe Shirley[4], Knt. being

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[1] Miles Salley, who became Bishop of Landaff 12th May 1500, and died about the end of the year 1516.

[2] A distinguished literary friend, for whose valuable assistance the Editor has peculiar pleasure in acknowledging his gratitude, explains this passage in the following manner; "The Hospital at Bristol, which is a very beautiful Chapel, belonging to the Mayor and Corporation, and is at this moment repairing in a splendid style at their expense, is called 'Gaunt's.' Bishop Salley rebuilt the eastern end of the Gaunt's Chapel, with its fine altar-piece, now restored, and his tomb was placed therein, according to his will. His recumbent effigy, dressed in pontificals, carved in freestone, still exists, but no inscription remains."

[3] Mathern, in Monmouthshire, where there was a palace of the Bishops of Landaff, and which was their usual residence. The testator either rebuilt or greatly improved it. The building is now in ruins.

[4] Ancestor of the Earls Ferrers. For his valour at the battle of Stoke, 16th June 1487, he was made a Banneret, and died, according to Collins, 6th January 1516-17. He made a second Will a few days before his death, vide p. 545.

in sound mynde and memory, the periele of death dreding, make and ordayne this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First, I bequeath my soule to Almightie God and to his blessed moder Mary, and to all the company of Heven, and my body to be buried in the Abbey Church of Gerondon, in the Chapell where my fader and my wife been leyd, with my due mortuarie and torches and other lights brenning about my corps the day of my buriall, and xx *l.* of money to be distributed among poor people in almouse, by the direction of myne executors. Also I will, that there be songen and said, the day of my buriall, and as soon after as godely possible may be, a thousand masses of requiem, and other masses most expedient and behovefull for my soul's health. Also I will that my debts be fully content and paid, without dyminution. Also I will that there be paid to the prior and convent of Tutbury xiii *s.* iv *d.* out of the rents and profits of my lands and tenements in Esterleek yearely for evermore. Also I will that every of my six brethren, that is to say, Thomas Shirley, Robert Shirley, Hugh Shirley, Nicholas Shirley, Richard Shirley, and Baudewyn Shirley, have, and be paied of my lands, foure poundes of lawful money of England, at the feast of the Annuntiation of our Lady and St. Michaell the Archangell, by even portions yearely, for tearme of thier lives, according to my fader's bequeath. Also I will that my feoffees which I have enfeoffed in the mannor of Shirley, with the appurtenances, stand enfeoffed to the use declared in the same feoffment. Also I will that my feoffees which be infeoffed by me of and in the mannor of Hambroke, with the appurtenances, and in all the meses, lands, and tenements, medowes, lesunes, and pastures, woods, rents, reversions, and services, and other myne hereditaments, with the appurtenances, in Hambroke, Erthcote, Westbury, and Combe, in the parish of Westbury, in the county of Gloucester, Magna Chelworth, in the county of Wiltes, and in the towne of Bristol, after my decease, make a sufficient and lawful lease by indenture of the same manor and other the premisses to Thomas the abbot of the monasterie of our blessed Lady of Gerondon, and the con-

vent of the same place, and their successors, for tearme of ninety-nine years; bynding the same abbot and convent, and their successors, to fynde an honest priest to singe dayly in the Chapell where Anne my last wife lyeth buried, and I purpose to lye, for the soules of me and the same Anne, and for the soules of Thomas Warner and Elizabeth the parentes of the same Anne, and for the soules of John Shirley and Elioner the parentes of me the said Raufe, and for the soules of Elizabeth and Anne my former wives, and for all Christian soules; and also to fynde a convenient lodgyng within the Abbey of Gerondon for foure poore men, to be kept of almouse, for the love of God; and on woman, to be ther keeper; provided alway, that they be such persons as be well disposed, and hath neede thereof, and hath no other lyving; and to give to every said four men and women vii *d.* ob' every weeke, and to be paied on the Satterday with barbor and launder, to pray for all the soules above rehearsed, during the said tearme of ninety-nine years; and therupon sufficient and lawful writing to be made betwixt my feoffees on the on party, and the said abbot and convent, and ther successors, on the other party, after the wisdom and discretion of the same feoffees. The revertion of the said mannor of Hambroke, and other the premisses, to the right heire of me the said Raufe Shirley for ever, after the said tearme determined, if the same mannor and other the premisses be not mortized afore the ende of the same tearme; and then the said revertion to be extinct and annulled, if it be mortized in the meane tyme. Provided alway, if the said abbot and convent, and their successors, performe not the charge above rehearsed contynually for ever in forme abovesaid, then it shall be lawful to the heires of me the said Raufe to re-enter into the said mannor of Hambroke, with the appurtenances, and in all the said meses, lands, and tenements, and other the premisses, in the said countyes of Gloucester and Wiltes, and in the towne of Bristoll, and the said mannor and other the premisses to reteigne and hold as in my first estate, and the said abbott and convent, and their successors to put out any thinge to the contrary made notwithstanding. Also I

will that my feoffees which I have enfeoffed in my mannor of Barnham, in the county of Suffolk, suffer, ayde, and helpe my servantes and others, to have and take the yssues and profitts of the same lordship, to the use and profitts according to these patents by me to them thereof made; and after the decease of my said servantes and others, I will that my said lordship of Barnham, with all the yssues and profitts of the same, come and be to the use and profitt of the monastarie and monkes of Gerondon, to pray for the soules of me the said Raufe, Jane[1] my wife, my parents, and friends, and all Christian soules. Also I will that all my landes and tenements in Hone be to Anne Pulteney[2] my daughter and her heires, if I decease without other yssue of my body begotten; provided always, that if the said Anne, or her husband that now is, or any other husband in tyme to come, their heires, executors, or any other, myne heires, vex or trouble, or sue any action or accountes of debt, by reason of covenants made in tyme passed by any of myne ancestors, or by me to any of the ancestors of them, or of any of them, or lett or disturbe the performing and execution of this my last will; then I will that my feoffees of and in the mannor of Shirley, and myne executors, shall receive, reteigne, and keep in their hands, the yssues and profitts of all the same mannor, and all the lands and tenements in Shirley, till they have received the sume of two hundreth pounds, to defend the same actions; and, after that done, I will that the revertion of the same mannor and lordship of Shirley be to my right heires. Also I will that my feoffees which be enfeoffed of and in the lands and tenements in Ratcliffe upon Wreke, Worthington, and Melburne, with the appurtenances, which I purchased myselfe, take and perceive all the rentes and profitts of the same lands and tenements, and to see the same rentes and pro-

[1] His last and fourth wife Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Sheffield, Knt.

[2] His daughter by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas Walsh; she married Sir Thomas Poultney, Knt. and was heir to her said mother.

fitts yearely to come unto the use and profitt of the chaunterie prieste of St. Katherin in St. Michael's Church in Melburne, in the county of Derb. beforesaid; which chaunterie priest I will shall uphold a freeschoole at Melburne aforesaid for ever, taking of every scholar one peny by the quarter; and also to singe or saye dayly or yearely for ever, on the Sunday, masse of the Trinity; on the Mounday, masse of Requiem; on Tuesday and Wensday, masse of Salus Populi; on Thursday, masse of the Holy Ghost; on Fryday, masse of the Holy Cross; on Saturday, masse of our Blessed Lady; with Placebo and Dirige dayly, except a double feaste do lett it; for the profitt of me the said Raufe Shirley, and for the soules of John Shirley and Alleanor his wife, the parents of me, Anne, Elizabeth, and Anne, my former wives, and Thomas Warner and Elizabeth his wife, and dayly an Antiphyn of our Blessed Lady, with De Profundis, for the founders and benefactors soule of the said chauntery, and all Christian soules; provided alway, that my said feoffees see that the said chauntery priest be an honest priest, and of good vertue and disposition and living. Also I will that my feoffees which be enfeoffed of and in all such lands and grounds which I purchased myselfe in a close called Willowes field, within the parish of Rakedale, in the county of Leic. se that the rents and profits of the same lands and grounds goe to the fynding and upholding of a lampe, to burne continually day and night before the blessed Sacrament, in the parish Church of Rakedale aforesaid, for ever. Also I will that all my lands and tenements that be entayled to the heir male, and came to me by inherrittance, in Rakedale and Willowes, Ratcliffe upon Wreke, Long Whatton, and Dunton, remayne unto myne heires male, according as they ought to do of right. And I will that all other my lands and tenements before not rehearsed goe and remaine unto the heire-generall, according unto right. Also I will that all such persons as I have made leases or grants unto, of lands, tenements, meadowes, and pastures, or any other myne hereditaments, by indentors, copies, or patents, have, occupie, and enjoy the same lands, tenements, meadowes,

and pastures, or other my hereditaments, with the appurtenances, according to my leave and grant. Also I will that all lands and tenements in Little Hambroke, Erthcote, Westbury, and Combe, in the parish of Westbury, in the county of Gloucester, with the yssues and profitts of the same, goe to the use and profitts of Sir James Smythe, Chaplen, for tearme of his life, to sing, say, and pray, at the Abbey of Gerondon, in the countie of Leicester, for the soule of me, John and Alleanor, the parents of me, Anne, Elizabeth, and Anne, my former wives, Thomas Warner and Elizabeth his wife, and all Christian soules; and after the decease of the said Sir James, I will that the said lands and tenements, with the profitts of the same, goe and remaine to the said house of Gerondon, according to the tenure hereafter ensuing. Also I will that my feoffees which be enfeoffed of and in my lands and tenements in the counties of Gloucester and Wiltes shall make and ordayne an honest priest, to sing and pray at Lugborowe, in the countie of Leicester, for the soules of me, John and Alleanor the parents of me, Anne, Elizabeth, and Anne, my former wives, Thomas Warner and Elizabeth his wife, and all Christian soules; and also the same priest to uphold a free schoole at Lugborowe aforesaid, during the tearme of 99 years; and the same priest to have and perceive yearely, during the said tearme, x *l.* of lawful money, going out of my lands and tenements in Chelworth, in the county of Wiltes, and in the towne of Bristoll. And at the end of the said tearme, I will the said landes, with the said x *l.* rents, shall come to my right heire, if they be not mortized in the mean tyme. Also I will that there be paid yearely to John Lout, my servant, during his life, VI *s.* VIII *d.* going out of my lands and tenements in Bristoll aforesaid; and after the decease of the said John Lout, I will that the said some of VI *s.* VIII *d.* and the residue and remaynement of the said lands, above the said x *l.* remayne and come to the use and profitt of the house of Gerondon beforesaid, according to the tenor following. Also I will that the residue of all my lands and tenements in the town of Bristol, with the yssues and profitts of the same, and the rents and re-

maynements of all my lands and tenements in Little Hambroke, Erthcote, Westbury, Combe, and Chelworth, and elsewhere, within the counties of Gloucester and Wiltes (after the decease of the said John Lout), except the said x *l.* as is before rehearsed, revert, remayne, and come, unto the use and profitt of the said house of Gerondon, of tearme of 99 years: and at the end of the said tearme, the said lands, with the profitt of the same, to revert and come unto my right heire, if they be not mortized in the mean tyme; and the abbott of the said house of Gerondon and his successors to fynde two priests of the bretheren of their house, to sing or say masse, and pray perpetually, during the said tearme, for the soules above rehearsed; and to keep the obit of me the said Raufe and Anne on St. Katherin even, or on the day before, yearely during the said tearme. Also I will that my feoffees which be enfeoffed by me in any of the said lands and tenements above rehearsed, when God shall fortune them to decesse all but six persons named in my dede of feoffment made by me, then I will that those six persons make another like estate. And for the performing of this my last will and testament, I make and ordeigne my executors my couzen John Porte[1], the king's solicitor; Raufe Lemington, of Loughborough, merchant; Nicholas Shirley, my brother; James Smithe, chaplain, and Thomas Fitzherbert; whom I hereby require and pray, as those persons in whom I put my best confidence and trust, to execute and performe this my last will, as they will answere at the day of dome before the Great Judge. And also I make and ordayne Thomas the abbot of the said monasterie of Gerondon my supravisor of this my last will and testament, in whom likewise is my great confidence and trust. In witnesse I will one part remaigne in the keeping of myn executors, and another part in the keepyng of my feoffees, and the third part to remaigne in the keeping of the supervisor of myn executors, I have put to my seal and sign manuell*.

[1] He was appointed Solicitor General in 1513, and promoted to the rank of Puisne Justice of the King's Bench 26th January 1541.

* From Nichols' History of Leicestershire, vol. iii. pp. 710–712.

A SECOND WILL OF SIR RALPH SHIRLEY, KNT.

Rauf Shirley, of Staunton Harauld, co. Leicester, Knight, 2d January 1517. My body to be buried at the discretion of my executors. To Jane, my wife, my manors of Shirley and Brailsford, with the lands, rents, and services, in full of her jointure and dower for term of her life; to the monastery of Gerondens my manor of Barnham for the term of fifty years; to my five brothers v marks each, yearly, out of Stanton and Long Whatton; I bequeath all my household furniture, plate, &c. to my wife and my son Francis, to be equally divided between them; to my nephew Ralph Shirley the keeping of Stanton Park, ten beasts, and iv *l.* out of Rugdale and Willowes for life; to my niece Elizabeth Hasylryg[1] xx marks yearly until she be paid her marriage portion of c marks; to my cousin Sir Richard Sacheverel[2] a cross of gold hanging at my chain; my manors of Staunton Harold, Rakedale, and Willowes Burton, Long Whatton, Ratelyff, Dunton, Esterleyke, Sutton Bonyngton, and Newton Regis. And I constitute my cousin Sir Richard Sacheverel, my brother Robert Hasylryg[3], Sir James Smith my priest, and Thomas Herbert, my executors *.

WILLIAM FITZ-WILLIAM, ESQ.

In the name of God, so be it, the 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1516[4]. I, William Fitz-William[5], of

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[1] Daughter of his sister Eleanor, who married Robert Hasylryg, Esquire.

[2] In Collins' Abstract of this will this person is called Sir Robert Sackvil, but the name in the text is that given in a MS. note of this will.

[3] His brother-in-law, above-mentioned.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iv. p. 271, and a MS. note communicated by George Baker, Esquire.

[4] Query, 1516-17?

[5] He was the last heir male of the eldest line of Fitz-William, of

Sprotborough, Esquire, of whole mind and perfect remembrance, thanked be God, maketh this my last will and testament, of all my lands in reversion, and will that William Lord Conyers, and all other my co-feoffees, and their heirs, that be specified in a deed of feoffment, bearing date the 27th of January, in the 7th year of King Henry the Eighth [1], after my debts and legacies paid, and after the death of Thomas Suthill, of Suthill Hall, Margery his wife, and Elizabeth Suthill his daughter, stand seised of my manors of Emley, Darrington, and Hathilsay, and their appurtenances, in the county of York, to the use of John Fitzwilliam, of Sprotborough, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, eldest son to Ralph Fitzwilliam, that was Captain De Salva Terra in France, in Henry the Sixth's days, and was third son of Sir John Fitzwilliam, of Sprotborough, Knight, Lord of Elmley; for whereas William Fitzwilliam, my dear ancestor, entailed the aforesaid lordships, with the manor of Plumtree, in com. Nottingham, to the said John Fitzwilliam and his heirs male, it shall never be justly said of me, that I am a hinderer of him, and his being of my blood and name, which God hath so long blessed with worship and ancienty, that I think all such as go about to prejudice the same, cannot avoid his plague and indignation; and therefore I have given nothing away at all from the said John and his heirs; but only to Margaret, my wife, for term of life, and to the above-written Thomas, Margaret, and Elizabeth, for term of their lives, to pay my debts and legacies; in consideration whereof I do give unto the said John Fitzwilliam, and his heirs for ever, my manor of Cromwell, with the appurtenances in com. Nottingham, after the decease of the said Thomas Suthill and Margery his wife, and Elizabeth his daughter. In witness whereof,

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Sprotborough and Elmley, from another branch of which ancient family the present Earl Fitz-William is descended; he married Margery, daughter of Sir Robert Broughton, Knight, but died s. p. His Will, which is a very interesting document, exhibits his sense of justice, and his respect for the honourable house from which he sprung in a very amiable light.

[1] Anno 1516.

I have set to my seal the day and year above written, in the presence of these witnesses; Sir Thomas Rockley, Knight; John Everingham, Parson of Sprotborough; Hugh Boswell, Parson of Darfield; Sir Thomas Silles, Priest, and others *.

WILLIAM KNEVIT, ESQ.

William Knevit, late of Bokenham, in the county of Norfolk, Esquire[1], cousin and heir of Sir John Clifton, Knight, 18th September 1514. My body to be buried in the parish Church of our Lady in Wymondham. To my son Edward Knevit my manors of Mendlesham and West Bradenham, and the moiety of the manors of Hethersett, Plashunhall in Besthorpe, and Bokenham in Norfolk; Charles my son; whereas Elizabeth, my daughter, hath cccxxxiiii *l.* vi *s.* viii *d.* to her portion; Ann, my daughter, the wife of Charles Clyfford, by whom she hath children; to my said son Edward all my castles, manors, and lordships of Bokenham Castle, Old Bokenham, New Bokenhem, Lathes, Tibenham, and Carlton, my two parts of my manors of Gresham in Wymondham, also the moiety of Stowleton in Norfolk, with the advowson of the Church of Stannowe, Thasbourg, and Congham, by the conditions between Ralf Cromwell and Maud his wife, and Constantine Clifton, in the days of King Richard the Second, the heir of which Constantine I am; to my son Charles Kne-

* From Collins' Peerage, vol. v. p. 166.

[1] Grandson of Sir William Knevit, by Elizabeth, daughter of Constantine second Baron Clifton, and sole heir of the said Constantine, and consequently of that Barony. He is said to have been thrice married; first, to Alice, daughter of Leonard Lord Grey of Ruthyn, or of John, brother to the said Reginald; secondly, to Jane, daughter of Humphrey Duke of Buckingham; and thirdly, to Joan, widow of Roger Clifford, and sister and coheir of Thomas Courtenay sixth Earl of Devon, but the pedigrees give very contradictory accounts as to by which wives he had his numerous children.

vit and Ann his wife, for their lives, my manors of Hamerton and Wynwke, in the counties of Huntingdon and Northampton; I will that after my decease the moiety of the manor of Cromwell, the moiety of my lands in Barworth, Papworth Everard, Papworth Agnex, and the manor of Cawdreys, shall remain to the heirs of the body of Sir Thomas Knevit, Knight, with remainder to my right heirs; whereas Eleanor, late wife of my son, holdeth the manors of Hydelburgworth for life, upon condition that she pay to Sir Thomas Knevet her son xx *l.* yearly [1].

Proved 19th June 1516.

SIR THOMAS PARR, KNT.

Thomas Parr, Knight [2], 7 Nov. 9 Henry VIII. 1517. My body to be buried without pomp in the Church of the Blackfriars, London, if I die within twenty miles of London. I will that all the lands which descended to me as heir of Sir William Parr, Knight, my father, remain to Maud [3], my wife, for her jointure; I will that my daughters Katherine [4] and Anne [5] have DCCC *l.* betwixt them, except they prove to be my heirs or my son's heirs, and then I will that they shall

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[1] In a note of this will communicated to the Editor by Mr. Baker, there is the following difference from that given above: The testator's daughter Anne is there called the wife of Charles *Clifton;* his daughter-in-law Eleanor is described as the widow of his son *Edmund* and *mother* of Sir Thomas Knevit, to whom she was to pay the annuity of xx *l.*; and he speaks therein of his *grandson Edmund.*

[2] Father-in-law of King Henry VIII. He was appointed Esquire of the Body to that monarch, and in 2 Henry VIII. Knight of the Body of that King.

[3] Daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Green, Knight.

[4] She married, first, Edward Borough; secondly, John Nevill, Lord Latimer; thirdly, King Henry VIII.; and fourthly, Thomas Lord Seymour, of Sudley.

[5] She became the wife of William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke.

not, but that the said sum be bestowed in copes and vestments to be given to the house of Clarvaux; to the chauntry of Kendall; I bequeath to my cousin Richard Dukett the younger the farm he now hath, called Garnet House, for his life; to my brother Sir William Parr[1], all lands which I have of the King in farm for year in Kendall during the non-age of my heir; to the College of Irtlingburghe VI *l.* III *s.* IV *d.* to pray for my soul; to my son William[2], my great chain of gold which is worth CXL *l.* that the King's grace gave me; Maud my wife. And I constitute Dr. Tunstall, Master of the Rolls[3], and Sir William Parr, my brother, my executors. Proved 27th January 1517-18.

RICHARD GRENVILLE, ESQ.

Richard Grenvill, Esquire[4], 8th October 1517. My body to be buried in my Chapel of St. Mary Magdalen and St. Katherine, in the Church of Wotton. To the lights of our Lady St. Katherine in the said Church; to each of my daughters LXXX *l.* towards their marriage; to my son George, after my decease, my house at Chipping Wycomb, in the county of Buckingham, called the George, and all my lands in the county of Berks, also the reversion of the rent of Stoke Talmage, in the county of Oxford, which my

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[1] Afterwards created Lord Parr of Horton. Vide his will in a subsequent page.

[2] He was created a Baron of the Realm in the 30th Henry VIII. about two years before the King's marriage with his sister, and in 1546 was advanced to the Earldom of Essex, and by Edward VI. was created Marquess of Northampton.

[3] Cuthbert Tunstall, who was appointed Master of the Rolls 12th May 1516, afterwards Bishop of London and Durham.

[4] Ancestor of his grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, K. G.; he died October 8th, 1517, the day on which he made his will, at which time his son Edward was above thirty years of age, whose will is inserted in a subsequent page.

brother Eustace hath for term of his life, but with reversion to me, to hold to the said George and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, in default of which to Edward Grenvill my son, and the heirs of his body, failing which to my right heirs; the residue of my goods, chattels, &c. I bequeath to Joan my wife, and to Edward my son, whom I constitute my executors, to pay my debts, legacies, &c. as they shall think most expedient and useful for the health of my soul*.

SIR WILLIAM FINDERNE.

William Finderne, of Carlton, co. Cambridge. My body to be buried in a Chapel built by me at Horkesley, or at Wodington. My grandson Thomas Finderne; Bridget, my daughter. Proved 21st October 1517†.

EDWARD SAUNDERS.

Edward Saunders, of Harrington, in the county of Northampton, 1514. My body to be buried at Rowell; my wife Joan; my sons John, Lawrence, William, and Thomas Saunders; my daughter Grace; my brother Sir Nicholas Saunders†.

SIR THOMAS DIGBY, KNT.

Thomas Digby, Knight, 1516[1]. My body to be buried at Olney, in the county of Bucks. My wife Dorothy; my

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* From Collins' Abstract, vol. v. p. 242.

† Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] Apparently of the same family as that from which the Barons Digby are descended.

sons John, Everard, and Simon Digby, and Thomas, son of Simon Digby; my daughters Ann, Katherine, Bridget, and Elizabeth Digby; the daughters of my brothers Benjamin and Rowland Digby *.

THOMAS COTTON, ESQ.

Thomas Cotton, of Cunnington, Esquire. Jane my wife; Richard my son; my daughter Ellen in ward; to my brother Granstock; my brothers Richard and Anthony Cotton; my uncle Richard Cotton; my sister Eleanor, married to Mulso; and my sister Margaret a nun. Proved 1517 *.

SIR THOMAS BRYAN, KNT.

I, Sir Thomas Bryan, Knight [1]. I will my body be buried at St. Saviour's at Bermondsey, if I dye in London, or within XII miles of it, if my goods may stretch thereto; and if I dye in my country my body to be had to Assheringe, to be buried in the Chapel where my son Thomas lyeth; and if I dye any where ells my body to be buried after the discrecion of my executors. Item, I bequeath all my lands, manors, and tenements, to my son Francis [2], and to

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] Son and heir of Sir Thomas Bryan, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, whose will is inserted in p. 449.

[2] Who was afterwards knighted, and is known as the intimate friend of Sir Thomas Wyatt. After being educated at Oxford he was employed in several embassies during the reign of Henry VIII. and was Gentleman of the Privy Chamber. At the battle of Musselborough he appears to have distinguished himself so highly that he was created a Banneret in September 1547, and about the same year was appointed Chief Justice of Ireland, in which elevated office he died at Waterford in 1548, S. P. Sir Francis Bryan was

the heirs general of his body, and for default of issue of him to remain to my two daughters Margaret[1] and Elizabeth; and for default of issue of my daughters to remain unto my sisters' children; and for default of issue of them to remain to the next of my blood; Item, I will that of all my goods moveable and unmoveable my wife[2] have, the one half to her own use, and the other half to my children, equally to be divided, by my wife's discretion and the supervisor of my will; Item, I will upon my blessing that my son Francis never interrupt my wife of her jointure or dowry given by my will, according to the lawe, nor my daughters in likewise upon my blessing; Item, I will that there be done for my soul a M masses in all haste convenient; Item, in almes, at my burying, five pounds by penny mete to bed-ridden folks; Item, also to have a dirige and a mass by note at my burying, every priest VIII *d.* and every clerk IV *d.*; Item, I will that mine heirs find in the year a dirige and mass by note where I am buried for my father's soul, my mother's soul, my wife's father's soul and mother's soul, my soul, my wife's soul, my children's souls,

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both a scholar and a poet, evidence of the former being extant in his translation of Gunevara's Dissertation on the Life of a Courtier, published in London in 8vo, in 1548, and his poetical talents were displayed in several fugitive pieces of some merit. Vide Wood's Athen. Oxon. and Theatrum Poetarum, ed. 1800.

[1] In a pedigree in Harl. MSS. 380. The testator is said to have left two daughters, *Elizabeth*, who married Sir Nicholas Carew, and *Jane*, who was the wife of Sir Henry Guildford, but their Christian names appear to have been *Margaret* and *Elizabeth*. Their grandfather in his will, in p. 449, speaks of Margaret and Ann his grand-daughters, and it is most likely that the Ann there mentioned died young, and that Elizabeth was not born until after his death.

[2] Margaret, daughter of Sir Humphrey Bourchier, Knight, who died vita patris, by Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Frederick Tylney, which Elizabeth married, secondly, Thomas Duke of Norfolk. Sir Humphrey Bourchier was the eldest son of John Lord Berners, and his son John succeeded his grandfather in that Barony.

and all Christian souls, for evermore, once in the year for ever; Item, I make my wife sole executrix, and my Lord Berners, her brother, and for fault of him, my Lord Dacres[1] supervisor of my will; Item, I will that my debts be paid, as is shewed by a bill of my hand; Item, my father's will to be performed as sheweth by a bill of my hand; Item, I will that Dame Margaret, my wife, have the lordship with the manor of Masworth, and as much as lyeth in the parish of Crynge and Chedington of the yearly value of XL *l.* to her joynture; Item, to see the will of James Laton performed, according to the tenor of the will, and that will to be performed by the goods of my will. This is my last will written with mine own hand, the first day of October in the year of our Lord J'hu M. V. and VIII. and the XXIV year of the reign of our Soveraigne Lord King Henry the VII. Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury by Lady Margaret Bryan, his relict, 30th Jannary 1517*.

WILLIAM MORDAUNT, ESQ.

William Mordaunt, of Hempsted, in the county of Essex, 22d December 1517[2]. My body to be buried by my

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[1] Thomas Fienes Lord Dacre, who had married Anne, the other daughter of Sir Humphrey Bourchier.

* Harl. MSS. 380, f. 74.

[2] He was the second son of William Mordaunt, of Turvey, the ancestor of the Earls of Peterborough and Monmouth; the testator married in June 1495, Ann, second daughter and coheir of Thomas Huntingdon, of Hempsted, in Essex, and by her had the issue named in his will, and also Robert, his eldest son, from whom the Baronets of this name were descended; the said Ann it appears died Saturday, the 12th December 1517. It is evident, from the inscription which he orders to be placed on his tomb, that he was Chief Prothonotary of the King's Bench, and the extreme care which he takes to prevent his legal and other books being dispersed or alienated from his descendants, is well deserving of attention, as it presents an instance of literary zeal, of which at so

wife in the Church of Hempsted if I die in London, or as near to Hempsted as London; to the Church of Hempsted a suit of vestments and a cope of black velvet of the price of xx *l.* with the arms of me and my wife on the cope; I will that a stone of marble be provided by my executors to be laid upon me and my wife, with our images, and this inscription graven on the said stone:

Hic jacet Willielmus Mordaunt de Hempsted, nuper Capitalis Prothonotarius Cur. Domini Regis de Com. Banco, filius Willielmi Mordaunt de Turvey, in com. Bedford, Armiger; & Anna uxor ejusdem Willielmi filii, quæ Annæ obiit die Sabbati, vii die Decembris, Anno Domini Millesimo Quinquentesimo XLII.

And that my executors cause the day and year of my decease to be put on the same stone, with

Quorum animabus propitietur Deus. Amen.

Also I will that my Bible and all my other books, as well of the law as of entries, English books and Latin books, remain to the heirs male of my body lawfully begotten, from one to the other, without selling or putting away any of them; to Christopher Mordaunt, my son, my manor of Weldberne and lands in Depden; to Edmund Mordaunt, my son, my manor of Burghall and my lands and tenements in Swaffham-Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior, and Roche, and elsewhere, in the county of Cambridge; to George Mordaunt, my son, my manor of Dales in Thundersley, and all my lands at Wymbish *.

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early a period it would perhaps be difficult to find a similar example, and cannot fail to excite the interest and secure the respect of every bibliographer.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iii. p. 238.

MARGARET LADY TATE.

Margaret Tate, widow of Sir John Tate, Lord Mayor of London[1], 1517. My sons Thomas and Bartholomew Tate; Elizabeth, daughter of my son Thomas; John Stone, my sister's son. Proved 1517*.

THOMAS BULSTRODE.

Thomas Bulstrode. My body to be buried at Herryngstoke. To my sons William and John Bulstrode all my goods, with remainder to my brother John Ludlow and my sister Philippa his wife, Edward, William, and Dorothy Ludlow, children of the said John and Philippa; my sister Joan Bulstrode*. Proved 1517.

SIR ROBERT SHEFFIELD, KNT.

Robert Sheffield, Knight[2], 8th August 1518. My body

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[1] Who was Lord Mayor of London in 1513, and who must have died between 1513 and 1517.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[2] Grandfather of Edmund first Lord Sheffield, and ancestor of the Dukes of Buckingham. The following notice of this personage is extracted from Mr. Sheffield Grace's beautiful volume, entitled, "Memoirs of the family of Grace," in which, as his brother Sir William Grace, Baronet, represents the ducal house of Sheffield, an elaborate account of that family is appropriately introduced, and which is rendered valuable by several portraits of that family, among which is a very good one of the testator. "Sir Robert "Sheffield, of Butterwick, in the county of Lincoln, son and heir "of Sir Robert Sheffield, of the same, *commanded* in 1487 the victo-"rious army of Henry VII. against John de la Pole, Earl of Lincoln, "at the battle of Stoke, near Newark-upon-Trent; and was "knighted under the royal standard on the field of battle. In "1512 he was chosen Speaker of the House of Commons; and died "10th of August 1516, leaving issue by Hellen, daughter and heir

to be buried in the Church of the Augustine Friars, London, near the tomb of Eleanor my wife. To my four daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Bridget, each cccc marks and the inheritance of such lands and tenements that were the said Elene's, some time my wife; Dorothy my sister; Anne now my wife; my brother Edward Sheffield, Doctor in both Laws. And I constitute my son and heir Robert Sheffield, and my brother Sir Thomas Sheffield, Knight, at Rhodes, my executors, and Sir Thomas

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"of Sir John Delves, of Doddington, in the county of Chester, "two sons and four daughters, viz. first, Sir Robert, his successor; "second, Edward, who died s. p. Of the four daughters: first, "*Jane*, married, first, Sir Ralph Shirley, of Stanton Harold, in the "county of *Lincoln*, ancestor of Sir Robert, created Earl Ferrers "in 1711; and secondly, Sir William Hastings; second, Anne; "third, Elizabeth; fourth, Margaret." To this statement the Editor has only to submit the following corrections: His friend Mr. Grace's natural zeal to invest his ancestor with as elevated a rank as possible, has, in this instance, unfortunately affected his usual accuracy, for he has attributed to the said Sir Robert Sheffield much too exalted a station in stating that he *commanded* the army which defeated the Earl of Lincoln at Stoke. That army we are expressly informed was conducted by the Duke of Bedford and the Earl of Oxford; and moreover, it appears that King Henry was present in person; Dugdale correctly asserts that Sir Robert Sheffield "*was one of the commanders* in King Henry the Seventh's army against the Earl of Lincoln." It is manifest, from the date and probate of his will, that Sir Robert Sheffield did *not* die on the 6th August 1516, for as that instrument was made on the 8th August 1518, and proved 28th February 1519, his death must have occurred within that period. Mr. Grace has also omitted to notice his second marriage, nor does it appear from his will that either of his four daughters was called *Jane*, though in Collins' account of Sir Ralph Shirley, of Staunton Harold in *Leicestershire*, he not only states, that the said Sir Ralph married to his third wife Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Sheffield, but in the abstract of his will dated in January 1517, Sir Ralph Shirley mentions his wife *Jane*. The probability, from a comparison of dates, is, that the Jane in question was the *sister* instead of the *daughter* of Sir Robert Sheffield the testator.

Lovell, Knight, supervisor. To my chauntry at Butterwicke, in Leicestershire, and to the chauntry of South Cane; I bequeath to Ann my wife c marks yearly out of Park Conysby, and West Butterwyk, in Lincolnshire; Ralph Sheffield late my brother; Christopher Sheffield, my brother. Proved 28th February 1518-19.

JOHN BROUGHTON, ESQ.

John Broughton, Esquire, 9th May 1517. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Thorington. Whereas Thomas Cardinal and Archbishop of York[1], and others, stand seised of my manors of Alyngton, Coln Engayne, Groffeham, Sanday, Filgrave, Crainfield, Stony Stratford, Barkeston, Shelton, and Blatherwyk, to the use of me and my heirs; Anne my wife; to my three daughters DC *l.*; my son John; whereas Robert Broughton, my brother, is to have the manor of Seynes, in Huntingdonshire, for life, when twenty-one years of age, according to the will of Sir Robert Broughton, my father. And I constitute Thomas Duke of Norfolk, my brother-in-law Henry Everard, and Robert Broughton, my brother, my executors.

Proved 4th January 1519[2].

HUGH THURLOW.

Hugh Thurlow, of Burnham Sutton[3], 1519. My body to be buried in the Church of Burnham Westgate. To the said Church XL *s.* towards the purchase of an antiphoner. I will that my obit be kept with solemn dirige and mass with lights upon the hearse for ten years, and that a secular

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[1] Cardinal Wolsey. [2] Query, 1519-20?

[3] Of the family from which the Right Honourable Lord Thurlow is descended.

priest shall sing for me a whole year at Cambridge, to whom I bequeath vi *l.* for his pains; to my son John my lands in Burnham Sutton, with remainder to my other sons; to my wife Agnes all her jewels. And I constitute Simon Dey and Thomas Bloy my executors, and my brother William Thurlow supervisor *.

WILLIAM CORNWALLIS, ESQ.

William Cornwallis [1], 8th November 1519. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Nicholas of Ockley. To the high altar of that Church iii *s.* iv *d.*; to the high altar of the parish Church of Broome vi *s.* viii *d.*; I will that an honest priest be provided to sing for my soul, and all my friends' souls, in the Church of Ockley, for the space of one year, and that viii mark vi *s.* viii *d.* be given him for his wages; to Elizabeth [2], my wife, the manor of Bokley, with the appurtenances, and purchased lands thereto belonging, for term of her life, as also her own inheritance in Bedfordshire, and after the deceese of the wife of my brother John [3], my place in London called Barones, but I will that the residue of my sister-in-law's jointure shall, as to the rents, go yearly to the fulfilling of my will; to my daughters Prudence, Edith, Affra, Katherine, and Dorothy; I bequeath the residue of my purchased lands to John, my son and heir, and to his heirs male; in default of which to my next heirs. And I ordain the Lord Bishop of Norwich [4] supervisor of my will, and my wife Elizabeth and Thomas Golding, Clerk, my executors.

Proved 29th November 1519.

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* From the abstract in Debrett's Peerage, vol. i. p. 536.

[1] Ancestor of the Earls Cornwallis. In the 18th Henry VI. he was certified as being one of the Gentlemen of the County of Suffolk possessed of a sufficient estate to support the degree of a Knight of the Bath.

[2] Daughter and coheir of John Stanford, Esquire.

[3] Vide his will in p. 478. [4] Richard Nix.

SIR EDMUND DENNY, KNT.

Edmund Denny, one of the Barons of the Exchequer[1], 20th July 1519. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Benett beside Paul's Wharf, in London. I will that twenty-eight trentalls of masses be said for my soul and the souls of Margaret, Mary, and Jane, late my wives, deceased and of William and Agnes, my father and mother; to my two daughters Joice and Mary IV marks; Thomas Denny, my eldest son, Anthony Denny, my second son, Martha my daughter; to Wymond Carew and Martha his wife CC marks, to be paid when he hath made her a jointure, according to indentures of marriage made between Sir Thomas Denny, Knight, on the one part, and John Danyell on the other part, dated 1st July 11th Henry VIII.[a] And I constitute Thomas Denny, my eldest son, and John Smith, the Treasurer's Remembrancer, and John Danyell, of Messing, my son-in-law, my executors.

Proved 3d June 1520.

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[1] He was appointed one of the Barons of the Exchequer 6th May 1514, and it is not improbable that he was the same person as the *Edward* Denny who is mentioned by Dugdale as being "a Clerk of the Exchequer 20 Henry VII. and at that time constituted the King's Remembrancer, to whom succeeded Anthony his son," and from whom Edward Denny, who was created Earl of Norwich by Charles I. was descended. It appears from his will that Anthony Denny was his second son; as Dugdale's account of the family of Denny is very unsatisfactory, this testament is important from the information which it affords concerning it.

[a] 1519. The Martha in question appears from the pedigrees of Carew, in the Visitation of Cornwall, to have been the daughter of Sir Anthony Denny, and the wife of Sir Wymond Carew, of Anthony, co. Cornwall, the grandfather of the well-known Cornish historian and poet; she was probably the testator's granddaughter.

SIR ROBERT RODES.

Robert Rodes. Margaret my wife; William Rodes my father, and Joan my mother; I will that my lands be divided into four parts, between Bridget, wife of Thomas Willoughby, Esquire; Dorothy, wife of Edward Wotton; Joan, wife of John Carrill; and Mary [1], late wife of Sir William Barentyn; Robert Willoughby, of Bore Place, in Kent, son of my daughter Bridget; my daughter Elizabeth, a nun at Malling; my brother Richard Rodes; my niece Agnes Lewknor. Proved 29th December 1518 *.

THOMAS PIGOTT, ESQ.

Thomas Pigott, Serjeant at Law. My body to be buried at Whaddon, in the county of Buckingham. To my son William Pigott my manor of Doddershull, in the said county, with remainder to my sons Francis, Thomas, Robert, Roger, and Richard Pigott; my daughters Margery and Elizabeth; whereas the said Margery is betrothed to Sir Robert Cotton. Proved 1520 *.

SIR ROBERT THROCKMORTON, KNT.

Robert Throckmorton, of Coughton, in the county of Warwick [2]. My body to be there buried. My wife Elizabeth [3];

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[1] Evidently his daughters.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[2] The testator was a personage of some eminence; he was Privy Councillor to King Henry VII. and a Knight of the Bath, and died on his pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

[3] Query, if he does not speak of her as his deceased wife, for the pedigrees of this family assert that by his *first* wife *Elizabeth*, he

to my son and heir John Throckmorton [1], married to the daughter of Sir Nicholas Vaux, my manor of Coughton, &c.; to my younger son Michael Throckmorton, my manor of Towsland, in the county of Huntingdon, mortgaged to George Monux, Alderman of London [2], for D *l.*; my son Anthony Throckmorton; my daughters Mary Burdet [3], Margaret, Joyce, Alice, Ursula, and Anne Throckmorton.

Proved 9th November 1520 *.

JOHN GORINGE.

John Goringe [4], 16th October, 12 Henry VIII. 1520. My body to be buried in the Church of Bukedon, nigh my father, and I will that my executors make a tomb upon my burial, with this writing:

Delicta Juventatis meæ et ignorantias meas ne memineris, Domine.

Also I will that a priest be found to pray for my soul in the Church of Bukedon for the space of seven years; I will that William Goringe, my son, have all my books at Gray's Inn, in London; I will that my evidences be safely kept in the Priory of Heringham, until William Goringe be of the full age of twenty-four years; to each of my four daughters unmarried, that is Sybil, Eleanor, Jane, and Ann C *l.*; to my sister Shirley a ring of gold value IV nobles; John

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had issue only one daughter Ursula, and that all his other children were by his *second* wife *Katherine*, daughter of Sir William Marrow, Knight, Alderman of London.

[1] Ancestor of the Baronets of this family.

[2] He was Lord Mayor of London in 1514.

[3] Wife of Thomas Burdet, of Bramcote, co. Warwick, and afterwards of Richard Middlemore, of Edgbaston, in that county.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[4] Apparently the ancestor of the Baronets and Earls of Norwich of that name.

Goringe my grandfather. And I constitute John Dautrey the elder, and the Prior of Heryngham, my executors, and my brother Robert Shirley, Cofferer to the King, surveyor.

Proved 7th February 1520-21.

ROBERT KNOLLYS, ESQ.

Robert Knollys, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Privy Chamber of the King, 13th November 1520. My body to be buried in the place where Elizabeth Knollys, my late mother, now lieth buried. To the Prioress and Convent of the monastery of St. Ellen's within Bishop's Gate, a suit of copes and xx *l.*; Mary my daughter; Jane my daughter [1]; Francis [2] and Henry my sons; Lettice [3] my wife; my lands in London, Henley-upon-Thames, and the manor of Rotherfield Gray. Proved 19th January 1521 [4].

ROBERT LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

Robert Lord Willoughby de Broke [5], 1st October 1521. My body to be buried in the Hospital called the Savoy in

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[1] Who married Charles Wingfield, of Kimbolton Castle, son of Sir Richard Wingfield, K. G.

[2] The celebrated Treasurer of the Household to Queen Elizabeth, by whom he was honoured with the Order of the Garter; he was grandfather of William Earl of Banbury.

[3] Daughter of Sir Thomas de Penyston.

[4] Query, 1521-2?

[5] Second Lord Willoughby de Broke. He was twice married, first, to Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Richard Lord Beauchamp of Powyck, by whom he had Edward, who died vita patris S. P. M.; and secondly, Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Marquess of Dorset, by whom he had Henry, William, Elizabeth, and Anne, and

the suburbs of London, before the image of St. John the Baptist. And I will that a priest of honest conversation be provided to sing and pray for my soul, and also for my wives' souls, and all my ancestors' souls, for ever, in the place where I shall be buried, having for his salary VII *l.* yearly; to my bastard sons William and George, when they shall arrive to the age of twenty-four years, each of them LX *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.* for their promotion and living; to Margaret, my bastard daughter, when she shall come to eighteen years of age, XLVI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.*; to my son Henry all my bows, arrows, and all other my weapons defensive, to the intent that he shall be therewith ready to serve his prince in time of need.

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died, says Dugdale, by a pestilential air 10th November 13 Henry VIII. 1521. The will in the text is taken from Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 88; but the following is taken from a MS. note of his testament:

Robert Willoughby, Knight, Lord Brooke, 1st October 1521. My body to be buried in the hospital of the Savoy, London. I will that my wife have my warrens of Wyrmynster and Bewfores, during her widowhood, with remainder to my son Henry, who is yet under age; whereas I have enfeoffed Thomas Tirrell, Knight, Anthony Fitz-Herbert, John Rowe, Serjeants at Law, John Gilbert, John Chamond, Esquire, in the manors of Helpringham, Siston Skerington, Helyngton, Swatton, Byke, and Thorpe Latimer, with . . . . . , in the county of Lincoln, to the use of Robert Willoughby, Knight, my father, with remainder to me for life; remainder to George Willoughby my son, begotten on the body of Dorothy my wife. Proved 28th January 1521-2.

WILLIAM LYCHEFELDE, CLERK.

William Lychefelde, Clerk[1], 2d November 1517. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the parish Church of Willesdon, before the image of the blessed Virgin Mary. I will that my obit be celebrated in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's London, with mass and requiem on the morrow, and that each Dean then present have xx *s.* and each Canon then present vi *s.* viii *d.* I bequeath to Thomas Lychefeld, my brother, at Cardiff, xl *l.*; to Master Richard Foxforde, my scholar at Oxford xiii *l.* xiii *s.* vi *d.*; to D'n Andrew Stoketon, my scholar at Oxford xiii *l.* vs. viii *d.* Proved 30th January 1517-18.

RICHARD KNATCHBULL.

Richard Knatchbull[2], of Sellynge beside Monkenhorton. My body to be buried in our Lady's Chancel of Sellynge Church. William Clerk, of Aldington; Agnes my daughter; Parnell my wife; William Knatchbull; my house wherein I dwell in Sellynge, lying at Stonehill, which I purchased of Richard Roger, late of Eshetisforde, my son. Proved March 8th 1517[3] at Canterbury.

THOMAS FISHER, CLERK.

Thomas Fisher, Vicar of Gelden Morden, 26th August 1518. To the house of Freres in Bedford x *s.*; to the four Orders of Friars in Cambridge xl *s.*; to the White Friars

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[1] Chancellor of the Church of St. Paul's, London, to which office he was collated 20th December 1504.

[2] Apparently the ancestor of the Baronets of that name.

[3] Query, 1517-18?

of Hitchin x *s.*; to the four Orders of Friars in Stamford XL *s.*; to the White Friars in Nottingham x *s.*; to the Gray Friars there x *s.*; to the Abbey of Barnwell x *s.*; to the Abbey of Royston x *s.*; to my brother Robert Fisher xv *l.* I ordeyn my executors Robert Fisher my brother and John Godfrey of Gilden Morden. Proved 4th October 1518.

HUGH BISHOP OF EXETER.

Hugh[1] Bishop of Exeter, 16th December 1518. If I die within the Diocese of Exeter. My body to be buried in the South part of St. Peter's Church in Exeter, in the Chapel that I have caused there to be made and hallowed in the honor of my Lord God St. Saviour; and if I die without the diocese of Exeter, then I will my body be carried to Oxford, there to be buried in Corpus Christi College, that my Lord of Winchester hath caused there to be made; and if my goods will not suffice to bring me to Oxford, then I will my body be buried in the next College Church or religious house of Monks or Canons. I will that in the Chapel that I have caused to be made in Exeter Church, one of the Vicars Chorals there say mass daily for ever, with a collect for my soul; I have provided for mine obit v marks yearly; also I will that Richard, Bishop now of Winchester[2], be prayed for as well in the course mass as in the said obit by the whole quire, and also among the vicars severally, to whom the said Richard hath been a special benefactor in establishing them together in their commons; to the house of the Gray Friars in Exeter XL *s.* for an obit; to the house of Black Friars XL *s.* I name to be mine executors Richard[2] Bishop of Winchester; Tho-

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[1] Hugh Oldham, appointed Bishop of Exeter, by bull dated 27th November 1504; he died 25th June 1519, and was buried in his own Cathedral.

[2] Richard Fox.

Bishop of Salubriens, my suffragan[1]; Master John Voysy[2] Dean of Exeter; Master Hugh Ashron, Canon Resident in the Cathedral Church of York; Master Robert Weston, Subdean of the Cathedral Church of Exeter; Master Nicholas Henshaw and Roger Hetton, my servants. I will that my obit be kept in Corpus Christi College, to which College I give all such houses, lands, &c. lying in Chelsea, which I bought of Reynold Braye, whereof the deeds remain with Stephen Coope, to have and to hold to the same College for ever, by the ordinance of my Lord of Winchester. Proved 16th July 1519 *.

JOHN SIXTINI, CLERK.

John Sixtini[3], Doctor in both Laws, in the parish of St. George, near the Church of St. Paul, London, 24th March 1518. My body to be buried in that part of Paul's commonly called *Pardon Church Yard*, and I will that my grave be covered with a marble stone, and a plate of brass on it with this inscription:

Orate pro anima Johanni Sixtini,

&c. I bequeath one moiety of my estate in Frisia to the poor of Bolsward, and the other half to the monastery of Owgocloyster, near Bolsward, in which my sister is professed, but I will that my brother Albert shall have one

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[1] Sic in the MS. from which this Will is taken. The Bishop of Salisbury appears to be alluded to, but Le Neve and other writers state that Edmund Audley was Bishop of Salisbury from 2d April 1502 to 23d August 1524.

[2] John Voysey was elected Dean of Exeter 28th October 1509, and succeeded the testator as Bishop of that diocese.

* Lansdowne MSS. 949.

[3] This individual, who was a physician by birth, is chiefly known as the very intimate friend of Erasmus and of Dean Colet; he was Rector of Egglescliffe, in the diocese of Durham, and of Haccomb, in that of Exeter, and died in 1519. Vide Knight's Life of Colet.

half part of the profits of the same during his life; to the reparation of the Church of Eglescliffe, in the diocese of Durham, though I had not one penny for dilapidations from my predecessor the Bishop of Ely x *l.* sterling; I will that xx *l.* be distributed among the poor inhabitants of the said parish, for the purchase of tools and other instruments for their rustic labours, at the discretion of my executors; to the honour of God and St. Blaze, towards the reparation of the Church of Hakkamb, in the diocese of Exeter, though I had not a penny for the delapidation of the same xv *l.*; to be distributed for exhibitions to poor scholars in the universities of Oxford and Cambridge xl *l.*; to Cuthbert Tunstall, Master of the Rolls, whom I make and ordain one of my executors with Albert my brother, xx marks for his labour. Proved 7th May 1519.

THOMAS BROKEMAN.

Thomas Brokeman, of Lyminge. My body to be buried in the Church-yard there. William my son; Thomas Brokeman my godson; Edborough and Elen my daughters; Agnes my wife; Harry, son of William my son; Alyce my daughter; Harry my son.

Proved 27th July 1519 at Canterbury.

AGNES VINCENT.

Agnes Vyncent, of St. Elphy in Canterbury, widow. My body to be buried in the cemetery of Christ Church, beside my husband Talbot; to the children of the ambrye of Christ Church that bring my body to burial, to spend among them iv *d.*; to my Lord Prior and the Convent of Christ Church, to admit my sister of the Chapter with

them, my best girdle; Thomas Davies, Parson of St. Alphys. Proved 21st February 1518[1] at Canterbury.

JOHN COLET.

John Colet[2], Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London, 22d August 1519. My body to the Church of St. Paul aforesaid, to be buried nigh unto the image of St. Wilgefort, where I made a little monument; as touching my burying and funeral, with the circumstances thereof I commit to the discretion of my executors. To Edmond Knyvett, Esquire, Serjeant Porter to our Sovereign Lord the King XL *l.* in money or in money worth; to John Colett, the son of William Colett my kinsman XL *l.*; to Master Docter Aleyn the cup with the cover that he gave unto

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[1] Query, 1518-19?

[2] The celebrated founder of St. Paul's school, and Dean of that Church, he was the eldest of twenty-two children of Sir Henry Colet (vide his will in p. 481), Knight, Lord Mayor of London, younger son of Robert Colet, of Wendover. As the Life of the Dean, by Dr. Knight, has for above a century been before the public, and was re-printed about a year since at the Clarendon Press, Oxford, it is not requisite to say more in this place of so distinguished an individual. In that work the following abstract of the will of John Colett is given, who is presumed to have been of the same family as the Dean:

John Colett, Citizen and Mercer of London, 5th May 1461. To each of the Churches of Wendover, Aston, and Clinton XX *s.*; to Thomas Colet his brother, Alice his wife, Robert, John, and Geoffrey, his sons C *l.* each.

Proved 27th October 1461.

From this abstract being given in the third person it is not certain whether Alice, Robert, John, and Geoffrey, were the sons and wife of *the testator* or of *his brother Thomas*, though the former is most probable.

me; I will that my master Doctor Morgan have my best gown with the hood, my best coat of chamlet, furred with black bogys, and a vestment; to master John Bambrughe a silver pot having on the ere written John Colett my bed at Charter House that I lay upon myself, with mattress and blankets to the same bed belonging, and certain of my printed books called St. Jerom's Works, and other that may be conveniently given unto him; I will that Maister Dancaster have in money to support him in his virtue VI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.*; to Sir Robert Hopwood a little goblet, with a cover, having a white rose in the top of the cover, a little square salt with a cover gilt, the which I bought of Maister Lychfeld, and above XL shillings by year for term of his life, to be paid out of the mercery of London, according to their promise thereupon to me made; I will that Thomas Lupeshed, my scholar, be remembered after the discretion of my executors, and to have all such books printed that may be most necessary for his learning; to Master William Garrard a cup with a cover of silver and gilt chased standing on a rose; to Master Nicholas Curlewas a standing cup with a cover gilt, with the moris dance upon it; to John Danet, my godson, a little silver pot, having on the top Ꝑ and R, which his father gave me; to Bartholomew Barham, sometime my servant, a silver pot, having on the ere written John Colett; Item, the New Testament and other of mine own making, wryten on parchment, as comments of Paul's Epistles and abbreviations, with many such other, I will shall be disposed at the disposition of mine executors, which disposition I leave to their discretion, and all my books imprinted in paper I will also by them be disposed to poor students, and specially to such as have been scholars with me; Item, as touching my lodging at the Charter House, I will that all my board-work made of wainscot, as tables, tresshills, great coffers, cupboards, and all painted images upon the walls, remain to that lodging in perpetuum, all other stuffs there beside afore rehearsed, I will be disposed by the discretion of mine executors; I will that L*l.* sterling be disposed of amongst my household servants, according to the tenor of a will subscribed with mine own

hand, over and above their wages due at the quarter day after my decease; to William Bowerman v marks by year, to be paid by the mercers aforesaid, for his life; to Benjamin Digby an ewer of silver and gilt; to Henry Digby my little primer covered with green velvet; to the Church of Chiswick a vestment of white damask; to the Church of Standon a vestment of green damask; to the Church of Lamborne a vestment of bawdekin with flowers; to the Church of Borne a vestment. Furthermore, whereas I, the said John Colet, all things above named have given and bequeathed, nevertheless, if any thing happen, or to mine executors, to whom I put my trust, if any just cause be seen, that the said bequests and legacies cannot be duly performed, that then of the said legacies and bequests be made defalcation after the discretion of my said executors, in which thing I charge their conscience. The residue of my goods, &c. I bequeath to mine executors, whom I name, ordain, and make, my mother Dame Christian Colett, Maister William Garrard, and Master Nicholas Cuyleurs, they to order and dispose them as they shall think best to the most comfort of them that hath need. In testimony, &c. These being witnesses, Sir Robert Asheleyn, Subdean of the Church of Paul's; Sir John Rogers, Almoner of the same; and Sir William Taylor, Priest.

In Dei, &c. This is the testament and last will of me John Colet, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London, and son and heir of Sir Henry Colet, Knight, made the 22d day of August 1519, and in the 11th year of the reign of King Henry VIII. as to the disposition of all and singular my manors, messuages, lands, &c. I will that if it happen me to decesse out of this transitory world lyvyng Dame Christian Colet, shall have, during her life natural, all my messuages, lands, &c. in the town fields and parish of Wendover, in the county of Bucks, also my manors of Weldon, Denthorp, Kirkby-Dene, Bulwyk, and Thyrning, in the counties of Northampton and Hants, which

the said Sir Henry Colet, my father, purchased of Sir William Knyvett, Knight, my messuages, tenements, &c. lying in the towns and fields of Great Weldon and Little Weldon, in the county of Northampton, which the said Sir Henry Colet, my father, purchased of Eusby Catesby and other, also my six messuages, eleven hundred acres of land, forty acres of meadow, twenty acres of pasture, and twenty acres of wood, and x *s.* rent in Great Weldon and Little Weldon, in the said county of Northampton, which the said Sir Henry Colet, my father, purchased of Edward Cumberford; also all my lands, tenements, &c. in Kirkby-Dean and Bulwyk, in the said county, which my father purchased of Thomas Stok, Gentleman; also the manor of Thyrning, called Mullesworth Manor, and the advowson of the Church of Thyrning, &c. in the said county of Huntingdon, which my father purchased of Thomas Mullesworth; also my two messuages and twenty-five acres of land which my father purchased of Thomas Henson; also my messuage, with a courtlarge and half a yard, and three acres of land, which my father purchased of Thomas Newman; also all those my lands and tenements, rents, services, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, pightill, and meadows, leases, pastures, mores, and marosses, &c. in the towns, fields, and marosses, of Chippesby, Rollesby, Brough, Billokby, Ontly, Repps, Batewick, Martham, Askby, and Cherne, or elsewhere, within the hundred of East Flegge, and West Flegge, in the county of Norfolk, I will remain to the use of the said Dame Christian during her life natural; also I will that such persons as stand feoffed to my use in all my said manors of Weldon, Denehorp, Kirkby-Dene, Bulwyke, and Thyrning, in the counties of Northampton and Huntingdon, which was purchased of Sir William Knevet, Knight, immediately after the decease of me and of the said Dame Christian Colet my mother, shall make estate unto Edmund Knyvet, Esquire, Serjeant Porter to our Sovereign Lord the King, of and in all the said manors to hold to him and his heirs lawfully begotten; remainder to Christopher Knyvet, brother to the said Edmund, and to his heirs;

remainder to Antony Knyvett, brother to the said Edmund and Christopher, and his heirs, provided alway that the said Edmund Knyvet, his heirs, or whosoever shall fortune to have the said manors of Weldon, and other the premises, shall truly pay unto William Newbold, my servant, during his life natural, the annual rent of XL s. according to the tenor of a deed by me to him thereof made, bearing date 12th May 11th Henry VIII.; also I will that my feoffees of the lands and manors aforesaid, in Great Weldon and Little Weldon, in Kirkby-Dene, and Bulwyk, of Thyrning, called Mullesworth Manor, the advowson of the Church of Thyrning aforesaid, shall immediately after the decease of me and of the same Dame Christian Colet, my mother, make estate to the said Christopher Knyvett, of all the said manors, lands, &c. to him and to the heirs of his body; remainder to the said Edmund Knyvet, and to the heirs of his body; remainder to the said Anthony Knyvet, and to the heirs of his body; also I will that my feoffees of all my said messuages, shoppes, lands, &c. in the said town, fields, and parishes of Weldon, in the said county of Bucks, immediately after the decease of me and of the said Dame Christian Colet, my mother, shall make estate to John Colet, the son of William Colet, of Wendover, of and in all the said messuages, shops, lands, &c. to him and his heirs and assigns for ever; also I will that my feoffees in those my said lands, tenements, rents, services, wards, marriages, reliefs, escheats, pighyts, meadows, &c. in the towns, fields, and mares, of Ceippesby, Rollesby, Burgh, Billokesby, Cateby, Reppis, Batwyk, Martham, Asceby, and Therne, or elsewhere, in the hundred of Eastflegge and Westflegge, in the said county of Norfolk, immediately after the decease of me and of the said Dame Christian Colet, my mother, shall make estate to John Neele, my servant, of and in all my said lands and tenements, to him and to his heirs for ever; also I will that my feoffees of all those my seven acres of pasture and four acres of land in the parish of Stebunhith, in the county of Middlesex, which my father purchased of Edmond Ratcliffe, immediately after the decease of me and of the said Dame Christian Colet,

my mother, shall make estate to William Bourman, my servant, of the said land to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever. In witness whereof, &c. These bearing witness and testimony to the same, Benjamin Digby, mercer of London, Sir William Taylor, Sir Robert Hopwood, priests, and other more. Proved 5th October 1519*.

RICHARD FINEUX.

Richard Fineux, of the parish of Saint Peter, Dover, 27th July 1518. My body to be buried in the said Church, before the image of St. Mary Magdalene. To St. Rook's light there; to the Churches of our Lady and St. Nicholas and St. John in Dover; I bequeath my lands in Deal and Sholden to my daughters Magdalen and Agnes, to be sold, and the money from them to be paid them at their marriage, and I will that the overliver be the other's heir, and if both die unmarried the same to remain to my two sons; I will that x *l.* yearly be paid out of my lands in Hougham and Charleton Dane, to my wife yearly, and after her death to my son William; all my said lands in the parish of Hougham and Charlton Dane that was Hextall's, excepting a close lying behind the Bakehouse Close of the priory, and one acre and one half, which lyeth next the same close without the hedge; to Thomas, my son, my place in Dover, in which I now dwell, with the garden and new barn, Quene Garden, and the barn on the other side of the street, against the same, and a garden I bought of Freshill and his wife; to my said son all my free lands in Aythorne Dane, sometime called Monyns; I will that my lands in St. Margaret's, and within the town of Dover, and in Charleton Dane, be sold, after the decease of my wife, to pay my debts and perform my will; if my son William decease without issue male, I will that my lands in

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* Knight's Life of Colet.

Hougham remain to Thomas my son, and his issue male, and if he die, the overliver to be the other's heir, and if they both die without male issue, then I will that my lands in Hougham remain to the next heirs male of the name of Fineux. And I constitute my brother William Fineux my executor. Proved 6th November 1520 at Canterbury.

ROBERT FREVYLL, ESQ.

Robert Frevyll, Esquire, 7th April 12th Henry VIII. 1521. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Little Shatford, in the diocese of Ely, among my ancestors and friends if I happen to decease within seven miles of the same town, or else if I decease of a further distance from the same town then to buried by the discretion of my Executrice. I will that my Executrice do cost of burying of my body, according to my behaviour, and to keep my month's day according, and that my Executrice dispose the said day of my burying and month day among the poor people of the town of Shetford, to every family XII *d.*; to the parson of the same Church my curcite, for my tithes negligently forgotten or withholden XIII *s.* IV *d.*; to the reparation of the same Church of Little Shetford XL *s.*; to the maintenance of the bells of the same town VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to the torches in the same Church VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to the maintenance of the great Bryge in Shetford aforesaid XL *s.*; Item, I bequeath to the towns of Witelford, Newton, Harston, and Hawkston XL *s.* equally to be divided among them, in recompence of harms and stares by me and my cattle to them done; to John, my son, in ready money, at his full age of twenty-two years XL *l.*; to George and Nicholas, my sons, each of them XL *l.* to be delivered to them at their said age of twenty-two; to Anne, my daughter, twelve silver spoons; to each of my other daughters, when they come to the full age of twenty years, or else at their marriage, if they be married before, L *l.* and if the said daughters or any of them will not marry, but live chaste or enter

into any religion, then I will that either of them so doing, have but xx *l.*; I will that all my children be kepted and maintained at my cost and charge, that is to say, John, mine eldest son, till he come to the full age of twenty-two, in learning of the law in Court, if he be so disposed, or otherwise in virtue; and my other sons to be maintained, some of them in learning, and some of them at good crafts at London, by the discretion of my Executrice; to John, my son, a cup with a cover parcell gilt, six silver spoons, a feather bed, a coverlet and a bolster, a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets, the hanging cloths in the hall, a stone cobard in the hall, two standing tables in the hall, and all the hanging cloths in the parlour, and a chest corned in the great chamber, with all the hanging cloths in the said chamber; to George, my son, a matrass, a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets, and two silver spoons; to Nicholas, my son, a matrass, a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets, and two silver spoons; to Margaret, my daughter, a feather bed, a bolster, a coverlet, and two silver spoons; to Thomasine, my daughter; to Mary my daughter; to my daughter Elizabeth; to either of my said children four quarters of barley and ten sheep; to Robert Waynsted, my servant, six quarters of barley and six sheep; to John Ellys, my servant vi *s.* viii *d.*; to Jane Colyne, my servant, a quarter of barley; to Jayn Barker, my servant, three quarters of barley, four sheep, and a pair of sheets; to the gild of Corpus Christi in Little Shetford, a table cloth and a garnish of pewter; to the gild of our Lady in Great Shetford xiii *s.* iv *d.*; to the gild of St. Anne in the same town xiii *s.* iv *d.*; to John Huddleston, my godson, a silver spoon; to Robert Curson, Robert Middleton, Robert Bradley, Robert Barber, and Robert Hebden, my godson, iii *s.* iv *d.* each; the residue of my goods I bequeath only to Rose my wife. This is the last will of me the said Robert Frevill. As to the disposition of all my manors, lands, and tenements, in the county of Cambridge: First, whereas Sir Henry Wentworth, Knight, John Wood, and Robert Curson, now being in live, and Sir Thomas Cheney, Knight, and divers others now deceased, recovered against John Frevyll, Es-

quire, my father, whose son and heir I am, all his manors, lands, &c. in Little Shetford aforesaid, and Great Shetford. And also, whereas I have purchased divers other lands, &c. and the same manors, lands, in the county of Cambridge, Sir Gyles Alyngton, Knight, Sir Robert Paynton, Knight, Francis Hasilden, Esquire, and others have recovered, &c. for the use of me and mine heirs, and for the performance of my will, I, the said Robert Frevill, will, that the said recoverers against my father now being in live, shall stand seised of lands to the yearly value of xviii *l.* to the use of Anne Wythipool, late the wife of mine eldest brother, for term of her life natural, according to a pair of indentures made between me and William Rede late husband, to the said Ann, bearing date the 12th May 22 Henry VII.[1]; also I will that the said recoverers and other my feoffees, stand seised of lands and tenements, &c. also of a messuage which John Bradley now occupieth, and a tenement which I late purchased of Henry Parker, the son of John Parker, for the jointure of the said Rose my wife, according to the indenture between me and Sir Robert Payton, Knight, and other friends and kinsmen of the said Rose my wife, dated 27th April 5th Henry VIII.[2] If the said Rose, my wife[3], decease before D *l.* be received of the issues of the manors before rehearsed, then I will that the said feoffees shall stand seised of the same, to the use that Thomas Hutton, Esquire, and William Colyns, Gentleman, shall receive the residue of the said D *l.* for the performance of my will. I will that John, mine eldest son, shall have the said xviii *l.* after the death of the aforesaid Anne Withypool, and also all the said manors after the decease of Rose[3] my said wife. I will that an obit be kept for me and my wife and my friends for ever, in Little Shetford aforesaid, and I will that there be spent at the said obit as hereafter followeth, that is to say, to two priests at the dirige viii *d.*; to the clerks

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[1] 1507. [2] 1513.

[3] Rose Frevill's will was dated 20th April 1529, and proved the 31st May the same year, by which she appointed Thomas Hutton, Christopher Burgoyne, George Frevyll, John Frevyll, and William Walpole, her executors, and Philip Parise, Esquire, supervisor.

being there present vi *d.*; to four men, holders of the torches iv *d.* and for the waste of the same torches iv *d.* for the offering of the souls iv *d.*; to the poor people xii *d.* and a combe of wheat to be spent in bread, and six bushels of malt to be spent in ale, and also to be spent in cheese xx *d.*; moreover I will that Rose, my sole executrice, have in her possession, for term of life, the manor of Hokyngton and other lands in Long Stanton and Milton, to the intent that she fulfil my will, pay my debts, and keep my two sons, George and Nicholas, till they come to full age, and after they be of lawful age, they to take the whole value of the foresaid lands for their lives, by even portions, and after them to remain to the right heirs of me the said Robert Frevill. And for the performance of this my testament and last will I ordain and make Rose, my wife, my sole executrice; supervisors of this my testament, I ordain and make Thomas Hulton, Esquire, and William Colyns, Gentleman, and I give and bequeath to the said Thomas Hulton for his labour and business iv *l.* and to the said William Colyns for his labour and business xl *s.* Witnessed by Mr. Thomas Wardall, Parson of Little Shalford, Edmund Acrod, William Barber, and other men.

Proved 2d May 1521 *.

THOMAS TWISDEN, ESQUIRE.

Thomas Twisden, of Newenden, November 22d, 1521. My body to be buried in the Church-yard there. Joan my wife; Joan, Benet, and Isabel, my daughters; Agnes my youngest daughter; the children of my son John; I bequeath all my lands and tenements to my sons John and Thomas and their heirs for ever, after the decease of my said wife; Lord Dacre, lord of the manor of Ewhurst.

Proved at Canterbury February 26th, 1521-22.

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* Harl. MSS. 7043, fo. 159—165.

JOHN WARD, CLERK.

John Ward, Vicar of Waterbeche, 2d April 1522. For reconciling of the said Church xxx *s.* iv *d.*; I will that a trentall of masses be said for me at the Austin Friars at Cambridge; the residue of my goods I will be disposed of for my soul by John Stobs, Bachelor of Divinity, Prior of the Austin Friars, whom I constitute my sole executor.

AGNES COVELL.

Agnes Covell, of Abyngton Parva, 14th June 1522. To the four Orders of Friars in Cambridge each x *s.*; to a priest studying divinity at Cambridge, to his exhibition half a year, to pray for me and my friends; the said priest to be assigned by the discreet Doctor John Edmonde being in Jesus College. I constitute Dr. Edmonde, President of Jesus College, Cambridge, supervisor.

SIR EDWARD POYNINGS, KNT.

Edward Poynings, Knight[1], 27th July 1521. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Oston Hanger. Dame Isabel, my wife, who was daughter to Sir John Scott; to

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[1] A distinguished soldier in the reign of Henry VII. by whom he was honoured with the Order of the Garter, and appointed of his Privy Council, and was one of the eighteen personages recommended to his son in his will as worthy of his confidence. In the reign of Henry VIII. he was ambassador to the Emperor Maximilian; and in 1513 was present at the battle of Therouenne and the siege of Tournay, of which place he was appointed governor. Shortly before his death he was constituted Governor of Dover Castle, in which important office he died s. p. l.

Dame Jane Clynton[1], late wife of Lord Thomas Clynton, one sparner[2] of silk, with curtains of the same; to the Monastery of Muttenden St. Radegund, where I am founder, XL s. to pray for my soul; William Scott my brother; I will that my feoffees stand enfeoffed of my manors of Ostenhanger, Boroughmersh, Estbrigge, Salrewood, Lyn'sson, and Sellinge besides Horton the Monks, for twelve years to the use of Edward Thwaits, my servant, and after to the use of Thomas[3] my bastard son and his heirs; remainder to Adrian, my bastard son, and his heirs; remainder to Edward my other bastard son; remainder to the Lady Jane Clynton, wife to Thomas Lord Clynton for her life; remainder to Edward Clynton, son and heir of Thomas Lord Clynton, and his heirs of his body; Isabel Clynton and Barbara Clynton, daughters of the said Lady Jane Clynton, now in non-age. And I constitute Sir John Newton, Knight, and James Digges, Esquire, supervisors.

Proved 19th December 1521.

SIR THOMAS WYNDHAM, KNT.

Thomas Wyndham, Knt.[4] at my manor of Felbrigge, 22d

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[1] Thomas eighth Lord Clinton is stated to have married *Mary*, natural daughter of Sir Edward Poynings, K. G. and by her to have left issue Edward, his son and heir, who succeeded his father in his honors 7th August 1517; this account is fully confirmed by the above will, excepting that the name of the said Lady Clinton appears to have been *Jane*.

[2] Sic in the MS. whence the above abstract is taken, but it is evidently an error of the transcriber, as it should be *sparver*, a bed.

[3] This Thomas was created by patent, 30th January 1545, Baron Poynings, but dying the same year S. P. the dignity became extinct.

[4] Son and heir of Sir John Wyndham, Knight, by Margaret, daughter of John Howard, first Duke of Norfolk, K. G. He was one of the commanders of the fleet, which, after scouring the seas, arrived at Portsmouth 4th Henry VIII. In the expedition to Bis-

October, 1521. First, for the recommendacion of my soule into the moost mercifull hands of him that redemed me and made it, I make and say this my accustomed prayer. *Domine Ihu Creste, qui me ex Nichelle Creasti, Fecisti, Redimisti, et Prædestinasti ad hoc quod sum, Tu scis, quod de me facere vis. Face de me secundum Voluntatem tuam cum Miseracordia.* Therfor do of me thy wylle, with grace, petie, and mercy, humbly and intirely I beseche the; and into thy moost mercifull hands my soule I commytte. And howe be it, as synfull creature, in synns conceyved, and in synne have lyved; knowinge perfectly that of my merits I cannot atteyn to the lyfe everlastyng, but only by the merits of thy blissid passid, and passion, and of thyne infinite mercy and grace. Nevertheless my mercifull Redemer, Maker, and Savyour, I trust that by the speciall grace and mercy of thy blessyd

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cay in the same year he accompanied Lord Edward Howard, the Lord Admiral, and was by him knighted in the Bay of Croyton. Sir Thomas Wyndham was also with that distinguished hero at his fatal attempt on Brest. Being one of the Esquires of the King's Body he attended his majesty at the sieges of Therouenne and Tournay, and was appointed a member of that monarch's Privy Council. The last notice which is recorded of him is, that in the 12th Henry VIII. he attended the King at his conference with the King of France between Guisnes and Ardres, having in his retinue a chaplain, eleven servants, and eight horses. He was twice married, first, to Eleanor, daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Scrope, Knight, second son of Henry Lord Scrope of Bolton, by whom he had Sir Edmund Wyndham, of Felbrigge, and Sir John Wyndham, of Somersetshire, ancestor of the Earls of Egremont; also three daughters, Margaret, who married Sir Andrew Lutterel; Mary, wife of Sir Erasmus Paston; and Elizabeth, who probably died young, and unmarried; his second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Wentworth, Knight of the Bath, and widow of Sir Roger D'Arcy, Knight, by whom he had Sir Thomas Wyndham, Knight, an eminent naval officer, and the progenitors of the Wyndhams of the Counties of York and Durham. Sir Thomas the testator died early in 1522. His will is a very interesting document, and proves that even so late as the year 1521 the superstitious feelings which are so manifested in the early testaments in this work, were as prominent as in the darkest ages of our history.

mother, ever virgyn, our Lady Mary, in whom, after the in this mortall lyfe, hath ben my moost singular trust and confidence, to whom in all my necessities I have made my contynuall refuge, and by whom I have hitherto ever had my speciall comfort and releef; will in my moost extreme nede, of her infinite pitye, take my soule into her hands, and hit present unto her moost dere sonne; whereof, swete Lady of mercy, very mother and virgyn, well of petie, and surest refuge of all nedefull, moost humbly, most intirely, and most hartely I beseche the, and for my comfort in this behalfe I trust. Also to the singular mediacions, and prayers of all the holy company of hevyn, aungells, archaungells, patriarches, prophets, apostells, evangelists, martyres, confessoures, and virgynes; and specially to myn accustomeed advourrys [1], I call and crye, Saint John Evangelist, Saint George, Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Saint Margaret, Saint Kateryn, and Saint Barbara, humbly beseche you, that not onlye at the houre of deth, soo too ayde, socour, and defend me; that the auncyent and goostly enemy, nor noon other yll or dampnabell spirite, have power to invade me, nor with his tereablenes to anoye me; but also with your holy prayers, to be intercessorice, and mediatrice, unto my Maker and Redemer, for the remyssion of my synnes, and salvacion of my soule; and for as moche as I intende and purpose, to the honor of God, and our blessed Lady Saint Mary the Virgyn, to adowrne and vawghte a chapell, called our Lady Chapell, set and buylded at the estende of the quere, within sight of the monastery of the Holy Trinitie, at the citie of Norwiche; and also to have in the same monastery, for the comforte of my soule, and remission of my synnes, a yerely memorial of my obyte, in perpetuum, I will and bequethe that whensoever it shall please my Savyer J'hu Crist, to call me owyte of this transitorye lyfe, my body be buryed in the mydst of the same Chapell of our blissed Lady, after my poor estate and substaunce that God hath gevyn me, without dampnable pomp, or superfluities. Where, uppon my

[1] His tutelar patrons.

body I woll have a tombe, as shall be thought convenient to myn executors, sufficiently large for me and my two wyfs, yf my wife Elizabeth woll be there buried. And as touching the funerall interment of my body, and charges of my sepulture, I remitt it to the discrecion of my executors, desyring theym that it may be convenient after my littell substance. And in any wyse, I woll have a sermon made by a doctor of divinitie, at the mass of requiem. Also I will have immediatelie after my decesse, as shortly as may be possible a M masses to be said within the citie of Norwich, and other places, within the shire of Norfolk; whereof I will have, in the honor of the blissed Trinitie, one hundreth; in honor of the five wounds of our Savyour J'hu Crist, one hundreth; in honour of the five joys of our blissed Lady, one hundreth; in the honor of the nine orders of Aungells, one hundreth; in the honor of the Patriarchs, one hundreth; in the honor of the twelve Apostells, one hundreth; in the honor of all Saints, one hundreth; of Requiem, one hundreth; in the honour of St. John the Evangelist, thirty; in the honor of St. George, forty; in the honor of St. Thomas of Canterbury, thirty; in the honor of St. Margaret, forty; in the honor of St. Kateryn, thirty; and of St. Barbara thirty, which maketh the whole nombr of M masses. Also I will that all my debts, first and before all other charges, be paid by the handes of myne executors; wherewith I charge theym as they will aunswere before God, and discharge my conscience. Also I will yf any man or woman cause or complayne of any injuries, or wrongs doen by me, and so duely proved before myn executors, or supervisors, that they be restored to the uttermost. Also I will that myn executors, as sone as it may be boorn out of my goodes, doo cause the said Chapel of our blissed Lady to be wawtyd[1] with free stone after the workmanship and wawtyng[1] of the Church there, as well in stars and colours, as in gilding with sterrys, as shall be devysed by myn executors; and with myn arms, badgys, and devyses. Also

[1] Query, vawted? Vide the preceding page; probably to vault or arch over.

I will have a priest, secular or religious, to synge for me, my said wyffs and frends, in the said Chapel in perpetuum, with an yerely obite, to be kept with a solemne dirige and masse of requiem, by the prior and convent and their successors; every such a daye as it shall happen me to die upon, or as near as it may be conveniently; and the said prior and convent, and their successors, shall distribute yerely as they think convenient, in perpetuum.

Proved 4th March 1522, by Elizabeth his relict and Thomas Earl of Surrey [1].

As to his manors, lands, &c. he made the following disposition:

I, Sir Thomas Wyndham, Knyght, sonne and heire of Sir John Wyndham, Knyght, this 12th October, 13 Henry VIII. As to the disposition of all my manors, lands, tenements, rents, services, and reversions, hereditaments, with their appurtenances. And also of all my wards and marriages now bowght by me, with all advowsons by any means belonging to me, or to any other to my use, in the counties of Norfolk and Yorkshire, or ells where within the realme of Englond.

First, I will that my co-feoffees suffre Dame Elizabeth my wife to occupie my manors of Bentley and Hamelthwayte in Yorkshire, and all purchased lands within the same manors; and my manor of Melton Constable, in the county of Norfolk, for term of hir lyfe, according to the purport of indentures the same shall descend; remainder to my sonne Edmond and to the heires of his body; and in defaulte to the right heires of me the said Sir Thomas Wyndham. And yf it fortune my next heir to be not of full age at the death of my said wyfe, that then my executors shall receive and take the profitts of the manors of Bentley and Hamelthwayte, in Yorkshire, during the nonage of my said next heire, toward the performaunce of my last will and testament. I will that my son Edmonde, my heir apparent, shall have all my manors of Crownthorpp, Wy-

[1] Apparently his first cousin, son and heir apparent of his uncle Thomas second Duke of Norfolk, K. G.

bylwode, and Hackforth, immediately after my decesse, to hym and to Susanne[1] his wyfe, and to the longer lyver of them, and to the heires of his body lawfully begotten. And for defawte of issue, to the right heires of me the said Sir Thomas, in fee simple. And yf it fortune the saide Edmonde, and Susanne his wyfe, to dye without yssue within vii yeres next after my decesse, and yf my next heire be then of full age, I wille that he shall have the said manors to him and his heires. And I will that his executors shall receive, towards the performance of my will, all the proffitts of the manors of Felbrigge, Aylmerton, and Runton, with the advowsons and presentations to the same; and of the manors of Todyngton, Barnyngham, Yngworth, and Colby, with the like advowsons and presentations; and of the manors of Briston and Wolterton, and of the manor of Whighton, in Yorkshire, with all purchased lands within any of the said manors; excepted suche purchased lands as I have graunted to Peter Nobis, D. D. for terme of his life. To holde the said manors for term of vii yeres fully complete after my decesse, to be imployed to the use of my wille. Also I will that my wyfe shall have the manor place of Felbrigge, the manors of Aylmerton and Runton, for terme of her lyfe, being a widowe, sole and unmaryed. And yf she will dwell in the said place, to pay to my executors for the performance of my will, yerely XL *l.* out of the said manors. And I will that Doctor Peter Nobys shall have the proffits of two parts of the manors of Lystens in Metton, and of all the lands called Tyllocks, and Sadclers, lying in Colby and Suffeld; and also of the manor of Yves in Bryston, by me purchased, for terme of his lyfe; as I have graunted unto him by my dedes. I will that my sonne Edmonde, or who shall fortune to be my next

[1] Daughter of Sir Roger Townshend, of Raynham, co. Norfolk; by her Sir Edmond Wyndham left three sons, of whom Sir Francis Wyndham became one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas; but as they all died S. P. the manor of Felbrigge descended to the heir male of the family, viz. Sir John Wyndham, of Somerset, the grandson and heir of Sir John Wyndham, second son of the testator.

heire, shall have the manors of Felbrigge, Aylmerton, and Runton, after the seven yeres exspyred. And after the decesse of my wyfe, to him and to the heires of his body; and for defaulte of the heires of my sonne Edmonde, to remayne to the right heires of me the said Sir Thomas, according to an intaile thereof made by my grauntfader John Wyndham, Esquier. I will that my sonne Edmonde, or any other that shall fortune to be my next heire, shall have out of the said manors of Felbrigge, Aylmerton, and Runton, yerely after the vii yeres exspyred, the which I have appoynted for the perfourmance of my wylle, XL *l.* to be paid by my wyfe, Dame Elizabeth Wyndham, yf she will dwell in it. Also I woll that my sonne Edmond, or any other that shall fortune to be my next heire, shall have the manors of Todyngton, Barnyngham, Yngworth, and Colby, imediatly after the seven yeres exspyred next after my deth, and to his heirs of his body lawfully begotton. And for defawte of issue of him, the said manors to remayn to the right heirs of me the said Sir Thomas, according to an intayle thereof, made by my grauntfader John Wyndham, Esquier. Also I woll that immediatly after the seven yeres exspyred, for the performaunce of my will, the said Edmonde, my sonne, or any other that shall be myn next heire, shall have the manor of Bryston to him and to his heires, in fee simple. Also I woll that my executors shall take and receyve the profits of the manor of Susted, called Danys, and of all other londes thereto belonging, the which I lately purchased of Robert Danne, for terme of seven yeres after my decesse; and after the seven yeres exspyred, and the deth of my wyfe, to my next heire, upon suche condicion as before expressed. I will that my sonne, John Wyndham, shall have my parte of the manor of Wulterton after seven yeres exspyred for the performance of my wille, and also the manor of Melton Constable, after the decesse of my wyfe, to hold the said manors to him and his heires, and for defaute of yssue of him, to the right heires of me the said Sir Thomas. I will that my sonne Thomas Wyndham, shall have my manor of Whighton, in Yorkshire, when he comyth to the age of twenty-one yeres; to hold to him and

to the heires of his body; and for defaute of suche issue, to the right heires of me the said Sir Thomas. I will that my said son, Thomas, shall have the moytie of the manors of Bowking, called Dorwarde; and also of the moytie of the manor of Alseford, of the which manors I lately bought the reversion. I woll that Erasmus Paston, sonne and heire of William Paston, Knyght, shall marry, and take to wife, Mary Wyndham, my daughter: but yf the said marriage happen not to take effect [1] for lack of agreement, casualtie of deth or otherwise, then I will that myn executor shall receive all suche sumes of money comprysed in certain indentures.

I will that my sonne Edmonde, or any other of my sonnes and their heires, that shall happen to be myn heire, whensoever it shall happen them to have my purchased londs, with the profits of my manors of Felbryge, Aylmerton, and Metton, Runton, and Susted, with their appurtenances, and all my purchased lands within the same; and my manors of Todyngton, Barnyngham, Yngworth, and Colby; that he or they shall fynde an honest preest to synge in the Churche of Felbrige, for my soule, for my wyfs soule, my fader, and moder soules, and all my frends soules. And that he shall have x marks by yere, without mete and drynk. And yf he will have mete and drynk with them at the place, then he to have v marks for his stypende; and this to be contynued as long as it shall please God, that any of my blood shall contynue, and to kepe myne obeite. In recompense whereof, I have purchased certeyn lands in Aylmerton, Suffeld, Colby, Albye, Melton, Briston, Crownthorpp, Wykylwood, Sustede, and Bentley, in Yorkshire, and in other places, to the yerely value of XLVI *l.* by the yere and above.

I will that myn executors shall take the proffits of all such londs, as I now have in my hands, by the reason of the nonage of Edmond Knevet, or of his next heire; or by reason of any bargain made with Edmond Knevet, by the will of Sir William Knevet; and of suche lands as shall

[1] This marriage was afterwards consummated.

happen to fall in reversion, by any graunt made by the King, of the said Edmond or of his next heires. Also I wyll that Anthony Wyngfield shall buy the marriage of the said Edmond, yf he will pay cccc *l.* at the lest, for he cost me D *l.* And I will that he shall have to kepe him xx *l.* by the yere at the moost. And wher I have putt certein manors in feoffment, and declared my last will of them, towarde the helping of my two younger sonnes, I think it very reasonable, and that my next heire shuld in noo wyse grudge at it; for I have redemyd all my lands out of King Henry the Seventh's hands [1], who had of me in money, for the same MMDCCCL marks, over and above my costs of sute for the same. Also I have paid to Mary, Jane, and Kateryn Scrope, my first wyfs susters, M *l.* in redy mony, the whych was owyng for the purchas of Bentley, and Hemelthwayte, in Yorkshire, purchased by my fader Sir John Wyndham. And also I have left in possession ane reversion, as much lands to my next heire, of myn own purcheas, as I have gevyn to my two younger sonnys, the which lyeth more necessarye for him, than the other dyd. In witnesse, &c. Proved 4th March 1522.

ELIZABETH LADY SCROPE.

Elizabeth Lady Scrope, of Upsall and Masham, widow [2], 7th March 9th Henry VIII. 1518. My body to be buried

[1] As the testator's father Sir John Wyndham was beheaded and attainted, his lands fell to the Crown, which circumstance explains this passage in his will.

[2] She was the daughter of John Nevill, Marquess of Montagu, by Isabel, daughter and heir of Sir Edmund Ingoldsthorpe, Knt. and coheir to her brother George Nevill, Duke of Bedford. Her first husband was Thomas Lord Scrope of Masham and Upsall, by whom she had an only child Alice, who became the wife of Henry Lord Scrope of Bolton, but died S. P. S. in 1492. It does not appear that she had any issue by her second husband Sir Henry Wentworth.

in the Black Friars in London, beside my lord my husband Thomas Lord Scrope of Upsall and Masham. I will that five trentalls of masses be sung and said for my soul at the place of my burial, and for the soul of my said lord and husband, and of Alice his daughter and mine, for Sir Henry Wentworth's soul, and for the soul of my lord my father John Marquess of Montagu, and [the Lady Isabel his wife my mother, and for all Christian souls; I will that my executors lay a stone over my grave, with three images, the one of my lord and husband, another of me, and the third of my said daughter, with our arms on the said stone, and scripture making mention what we were, to the value of x *l.*; also I will that a tomb be made over Sir Henry Wentworth, Knight, late my husband, lying in Newsom Abbey, in Lincolnshire, to the value of xx *l.* sterling; also I will that a tomb be made over my said lord father, and my lady mother, lying buried in Bisham Abbey in Berkshire, to the value of xx *l.*; to Mary, daughter in base unto Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset, my bed that my Lord Marquess was wont to lie in; to my Lady Lucy[1], my sister, a primer and a psalter, which I had of the gift of King Henry the Seventh's mother[2]; to my niece Lucy[3], her daughter, who is married to John Cutt, the son of Sir John Cutt, ... , but in case she do disagree, she shall have no part of my lands; there be three chauntries in my inhe-

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[1] She married, first, Sir Thomas Fitz-William, of Adwarke, co. York, Knight; and secondly, Sir Anthony Browne, Knight, father of Sir Anthony Browne, K. G. whose son Anthony was created Viscount Montagu in 1554.

[2] Margaret Countess of Richmond.

[3] This Lucy it appears married Sir John Clifford, third son of Henry Earl of Cumberland. From the passage relating to her in the above will, it may be inferred that she was very young when betrothed to Sir John Cutt's son, and that her aunt, by the words "in case she do disagree," meant, that if, on coming to years of discretion, she refused to confirm the engagement with Cutt she was to forfeit any benefit she would have derived under this will. As she married Sir John Clifford, it is evident either that her betrothed husband died young, or that she afterwards rejected him.

ritance in Borow in Cambridgeshire; my niece Lucy Browne now called Lucy Cutt. And I constitute Sir John Cutt, Knight, and my niece Lucy Browne, my executors*.

Proved 9th December 1521, 12 Henry VIII.[1]

THOMAS EARL OF DERBY.

Thomas Stanley, Earl of Derby, Lord Stanley[2]. My body to be buried in the Priory of Burscough, in the county of Lancaster, if I happen to die within the said county, but if I die elsewhere then I will that my body be buried in the monastery of Syon, or the College of Assherugge, as my executors shall think fit, and I desire that my body be buried according to my honor, but without pomp or excess. Whereas I had MMMM marks as my wife's portion; to my daughter Margaret[3], to her marriage, MMDCLXVI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.*; whereas my lord my grandfather did give to Elizabeth, my sister CC marks to her marriage, I will that my executors pay the said CC marks unto her; and whereas my sister Jane, now wife of Robert Sheffield, Esquire, hath an annuity of XX *l.* out of the lordship of Bisham, in the county of Lancaster, during my pleasure, &c. I will that my executors pay the debts of my dearest father Sir George Stanley, Knight, Lord Strange, and the debts of my mother Dame Jane Lady Strange his wife; whereas my uncle Sir Edward Stanley, Knight, Lord Monteagle, enjoyed of my gift and grant the castle and demesnes of Hornby Castle and other manors, for the special love,

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 660, and a MS. note.

[1] Sic in the MS. whence this will is taken, but the 9th December 1521 is in the *thirteenth* year of Henry VIII.

[2] Second Earl of Derby, in which dignity he succeeded his grandfather Thomas the first Earl in 1504, having in 1497 succeeded his father in the Barony of Strange. He married Anne, daughter of Edward Lord Hastings and Hungerford, and sister of George first Earl of Huntingdon, and died at Colham, in Middlesex, 23d May 1521.

[3] Who married Robert Ratcliffe first Earl of Sussex.

trust, and kindness, I then found and supposed he had to me, which lands he held on conditions, I will, that for the great unkindness I have since found, and do find in my uncle, and for that he has not observed or performed the said conditions, he shall have none of the rents and profits thereof, but that the said gifts, grants, &c. be null and none effect; to my loving brother James Stanley, Esquire, an annuity of L *l.* yearly out of my lordships of Bygston, in Cheshire; to my right well beloved son Henry Stanley, Esquire, an annuity of C *l.* yearly out of my manors of Barlborough in Derbyshire, Heveringham and Flyntham in Nottinghamshire, Boseley in Cheshire, and Cople in Bedfordshire; to the churchwardens of Ormskirk XXX *l.* to buy a bell for that Church; I will that my executors see that the debts of my father Sir George Stanley Knight Lord Strange, and Dame Jane, my mother, be paid; I will that my Lieutenant of Man, and other my officers and servants there, be continued until my heir comes of age, and that they have the wages they now have for term of their lives, and that the said wages be doubled to them till my heir comes of age. And I constitute my trusty friends Sir Hugh Hesketh, Bishop of Man; Sir Henry Halsal, Steward of my Household; Sir Henry Sherman, Clerk, Dean of my Chapel; Thomas Hesketh, Esquire; Sir Edward Molineux, Clerk, Parson of Sephton; Richard Hesketh; Richard Strede, Gentleman; and Richard Halsal, Clerk, Parson of Halsal, my executors, but I will that none of them shall have power to give any release or acquittance without the consent and agreement of them all; and I appoint Thomas Wolsey Lord Cardinal, Archbishop of York, and Chancellor of England; Hugh Oldham, Bishop of Exeter; Geoffrey Blyth, Bishop of Litchfield; John Vesey, Clerk, Dean of the most honourable Chapel; and Thomas Larke, Parson of Wynwick, supervisors of my will *.

Proved 27th June 1524.

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* From Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. and a MS. note of this Will.

SIR WILLIAM COMPTON, KNT.

William Compton, Knight[1], 8th March 1522-23, 14 Henry VIII. I will that wheresoever I shall die my body be buried at Compton, where my ancestors lie, and if it fortune my Lady to decease before the time I return from my journey, if it be the pleasure of God I should return, I will that she shall likewise be there interred. I will that a tomb of alabaster be made by the discretion of my executors, for my father, and set over his grave, with his arms cut thereupon; also I will that the body of my mother be taken up from where she is now buried, and be laid by my said father; also I will that my executors shall found, in my

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[1] The ancestor of the Right honourable the Marquess of Northampton; it was this celebrated personage who laid the foundation upon which the family of Compton have since been raised to eminence and power. Having been attached to the person of Henry the Eighth, when Duke of York, that monarch no sooner ascended the throne than Mr. Compton was advanced in honours, probably in consequence of his chivalrous abilities, having on several occasions been selected to tilt with the sovereign against all challengers. In the 4th Henry VIII. as a special mark of the king's favour he received out of the royal arms the following honourable augmentation to his arms: viz. a lion passant gardant Or, and likewise an additional crest. He was shortly afterwards appointed Usher of the Black Rod; and for his gallantry at the battle of Spurs he received the honour of knighthood, and the office of Chancellor of Ireland. In the year 1522 being ordered on a mission to the Emperor Charles V. he made his will, and to which journey he alludes in that instrument; as a last mark of Henry's favour, he was, in the 17th year of his reign, constituted "Burcifer Regis," or Keeper of the King's Jewels and money, now styled Keeper of the Privy Purse. It is likewise recorded of Sir William Compton that in the chapter of the Order of the Garter, held at Richmond 23d April 14th Henry VIII. as well as in other chapters, he was in nomination for admission into that illustrious order, and had several suffrages. He died 31st May 20 Henry VIII. 1528, of the sweating sickness.

name, two chauntries at Compton, for priests to perform daily service in praying for the souls of the King, Queen, and the Lady Anne Hastings [1], as also for my soul and the souls of my wife, my ancestors, and for all Christian souls; which priests, and every of them shall be presented to the ordinary of the diocese, and he to make institution accordingly, and I will that every of them shall have yearly for his salary x marks, and if those priests or any of them shall die, then I will that the Abbot of Winchcombe and his successors shall present convenable clerks within two months after the vacancy, and in case he fails so to do, I will that the Abbot of Evesham shall do the same in form as aforesaid; also I will that forty pair of vestments be provided by my executors, and given to forty Churches in the counties of Warwick and Worcester, next unto Compton, and that all my apparel be disposed of for making of vestments and in other works of charity, at the discretion of my executors and my wife; to the Abbey Church of Winchcumb, in the county of Wigorn, my wedding gown of tinsel satin to make a vestment, to the intent that they shall pray for my soul, and the souls of my ancestors, and for all Christian souls; to the Abbey of Denny x *l.* to pray for my soul, and also all such money as is owing to me; to every of the houses or monasteries of Evesham, Hayles, Wynchecomb, Worcester, Croxton, the Charter House of Henton, and the Charter House in Coventry xx marks, that they may perform a yearly obit for ever, for the souls of the King, the Queen, the Lady Anne, the souls of me, my wife, my children, my ancestors, and all Christian souls; I will that cc marks be distributed to poor householders, and to the marriages of poor maidens in the counties of Warwick and Worcester; to every of my servants that go with me in my journey a whole year's wages during their lives; to my wife my goods at Bettishone and the great park at Windsor, and all such plate as was late Sir Francis Cheyney's, my predecessor, and if my said wife be

[1] Apparently the wife of George Earl of Huntingdon, daughter of Henry Duke of Buckingham. Sed quere?

delivered of a son[1], I bequeath to him all my household goods at Compton, with all such plate as I had in the gift of the French King; to my Lord the King, from whom I acknowledge I have received all my preferment, a little chest of ivory, whereof one lock is gilt, with a chess board under the same, and a pair of tables upon it, and all such jewels and treasure as are inclosed therein, now remaining in the keeping of my wife, most humbly desiring his highness to accept thereof, as a remembrance of me; also I bequeath to my Lord the King certain specialties to the sum of M marks, being for money lent to Sir Thomas Boleyn, Knight, to the intent that his highness would be so gracious to my lady and children as to permit my said will to be performed as is expressed[2]. And I constitute Dame Werburge[3], my wife; the Bishop of Exeter[4]; Sir Henry Marney, Knight, Lord Privy Seal; Sir Henry Guildford, Knight[5]; Sir Richard Brook, Knight, one of the Justices

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[1] It appears the child of which she was then enceinte was Peter his only son, who was found in the inquisition taken after his father's death, to have been between five and six years of age at his demise, which agrees with his having been born some time in the year 1523.

[2] This bequest and others of a similar nature contained in numerous testaments in this volume exhibit a frightful picture of society, when a *bribe* was thought necessary to be given to the sovereign to insure the fulfilment of the Will of a dying person.

[3] Daughter and heir of John Brereton, and widow of Sir Francis Cheney, Knight, whom it appears Sir William Compton styles in his will his *predecessor*.

[4] John Voysey, or Harman, Dean of Windsor. He resigned his bishoprick in 1549, but was restored in 1553 by Queen Mary.

[5] It was apparently this Sir Henry Guildford, who with Wolston Browne and William Sydney, left the fleet destined for the assistance of the King of Arragon against the Moors, and went to the Spanish court, where they were not only honourably entertained, but, according to Baker, the two former were made Knights of Spain; and Sir Henry Guildford received for an augmentation to his arms a canton of the arms of Granado, whilst his companion Sir Wolstan Brown's ensigns were augmented by a chief of the

of the King's Bench; Sir John Daunce, Knight; Dr. Chambre; Humphrey Brown, Serjeant at Law; Thomas Leson, Clerk; James Flavel and Thomas Unton, Esquires, my executors. And I appoint the Archbishop of Canterbury [1], supervisor, to whom I bequeath a cup and xx *l.*; to the Bishop of Exeter a cup and x *l.*; to Sir Henry Marney a cup and xx *l.*; and to Sir Henry Guildford a cup and x *l.**

THOMAS ELRINGTON.

Thomas Elrington. My body to be buried at Hogsden with my ancestors. My wife Alice, now pregnant; Simon Elrington, Esquire, late my father; my sons Thomas and John Elrington; to my daughter Mary c marks, and the manor of Devencourt on failure of issue of my sons.

Proved 27th January 1523 [2].

MARGARET LADY CAPELL.

Dame Margaret Capell [3], widow of Sir William Capell.

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arms of Sicily. Sydney, we are told, declined the honour. Sir Henry Guildford was afterwards elected a Knight of the Garter.

[1] William Warham. The appointment of this prelate to the office of supervisor of the testator's will, gave occasion to remarks too curious to be passed unnoticed. In the 22d of Henry VIII. when the extortion of the Clergy became the subject of the consideration of the House of Commons, Sir Henry Guildford, K. G. above mentioned, one of Sir William Compton's executors, cited, in proof of the inordinate rapacity of the primate, that notwithstanding he was appointed supervisor of Sir William Compton's will, and was bequeathed a legacy of considerable value, he nevertheless exacted one thousand marks sterling of his executors for the probate of it.

* Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. iii. pp. 175, 176.

[2] Query, 1523-4?

[3] Daughter of Sir Thomas Arundel, of Lanherne, co. Cornwall, and widow of Sir William Capel (whose will is inserted in a former page), ancestor of the Earls of Essex.

To my son Sir Giles Capell King Edward the Fifth's chain, with remainder to Henry and Edward Capell respectively, remainder to my daughter Elizabeth Paulet [1] and her heirs. Proved 18th April 1522 *.

SIR GEORGE HARVEY.

George Harvey, of Thurleigh, in the county of Bedford. My grandfather John Harvey and his wife, the daughter of John Neyremuil, lying buried at Thurleigh; my lands in the counties of Bedford, Huntingdon, and Herts, and Fleet Marton, and Blagrave, in Buckinghamshire. I constitute John Harvey of Highworth, and Robert Lee, Esquire, my executors. Proved 6th May 1522 *.

JOHN BOTELER, ESQ.

John Boteler of Weresley, in the county of Huntingdon. My father Thomas Boteler and my grandfather John Boteler; to my son Edward Boteler my lands in Weresley and Grantsden; my daughters Margaret, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Christian. Proved 10th May 1521 *.

RICHARD PRESTON, ESQ.

Richard Preston, Parson of Mersham, Hartest, and Boxstede, 3d October 1521. My body to be buried within my Chancel in the middle of the quire, in the Church where my body is buried. I will that my body be bound and well

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[1] Wife of William Paulet, the first Marquess of Winchester.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

winded with a cerecloth and a winding sheet, and that it be put in a coffer of board closed, and that a marble stone be laid upon my body, and my name thereupon written, with this epitaph, well engraven in brass or let into the stone, and set thus:

Te moneat pietas strato succurrere morti;
Nam simili sorte serus cadit omnis et ætas.

And I will that my name, and the day of my deathing, be graven as aforesaid, and well set in the stone.

Proved at Canterbury.

RORERT GOSEBORNE, CLERK.

Robert Goseborne, Clerk, 3 July, 1523. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Virgin Mary, before the high altar in the church of St. Alphage, Canterbury. To the altars of the blessed Virgins Katherine and Margaret, in Penshurst church; my parishioners of Penshurst; Alice Hardres, widow; to Master Roger Downvylle, Vicar of St. Pauls, Rector of St. Mary Magdalen; Master William Page, Vicar of Northgate; the Vicar of St. Dunstan's; the Rector of All Saints; the Rector of Bredman; Sir William Bull, and Sir William Hart. I will that iv *l.* x *s.* be expended for a marble stone for my tomb.

Proved 5 October, 1523, at Canterbury.

HENRY GOSEBORNE.

Harry Goseborne [1], of St. Alphe, Canterbury, Gent. and Alderman, of Burgate Ward, 11th April, 13 Henry VIII. 1522. My body to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady, before her image, in St. Alphe's Church. The Lord Prior

[1] Apparently brother of Robert Goseborne, Clerk, whose will is inserted above.

of Christchurch; Lord Abbots of St. Austin's and St. Gregorie's; my wives, Katherine and Agnes; Edward, my son; Margaret and Anne, my daughters; Elizabeth, my daughter, wife of Edward Gay; Agnes, my daughter, wife of Robert Hardinge; Alyce Symon, my daughter; Master Robert Goseborne, my brother; my lands in the City of Canterbury, and in the parishes of Wingham, Snave, Ivechurch, Brenzet, Chartham, Pelham, Hackyngton, Waltham, Goodnestone, and Monkton, in Thanet; Dame Ursula my daughter, a nun in Shepey, in the place of St. Sexburgh. I will that my son, Edward, when he come to the age of 22, shall have all my lands aforenamed, to him and his heirs for ever; and if he die before that age, I will that my lands in Canterbury, and in Hackyngton, Wyngham, and Goodneston, be sold, and that out of the money may be paid to the Mayor and Commonalty of Canterbury xx marks, toward the reparation of the City wall, at such place or places as the Abbot of St. Austin's, and the Mayor for the time being, may assign; I will that the said Mayor and Commonalty shall not receive this gift, unless they put in sufficient security to bestow it according to my will and mind, immediately after receiving the same. If my said son marry after he is twenty years of age, and die before he is twenty-two, then I will that the said lands and tenements remain to such issue as he may have; but if he die before twenty-two, leaving no issue, then I will that the said lands and tenements be equally divided among my then surviving daughters. Proved at Canterbury.

RICHARD BISHOP OF LONDON.

Richard Fitz-James[1], by Divine permission Bishop of

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[1] The descendant of an ancient Somersetshire family; he was consecrated Bishop of Rochester 17th May 1497, was translated to Chichester 29th January 1504, and was removed to the see of London 1st August 1506. He died 15th January 1521, (query 1521-2?) and was buried in the Cathedral of St. Paul's.

London, 11th April, 1518. My body to be buried in the Nave of my Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, London, under the altar of St. Paul, of my own foundation, or in the belfry, under the tomb of marble lately erected and prepared by me. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Dom. Henry Nyott, Richard Broke, Knt. John Fitz-James, senior, my nephew, and to Master Hugh Saunders and John Adams, Professors of Sacred Theology, whom I constitute my executors; and D. John Fineux, Knt. Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and Master John Edmondes, S. T. D. Chancellor of my Cathedral Church, supervisors of this my will.

IN A CODICIL.

Item, I will that my payre of portatyres, being in my chapels in the palace of London, mine organs, also being and standing in my chapels within my three manors of Fulham, Hadham, and Wykeham, shall there stand still and remain to my successor, next Bishop of London, that they may be used there to the honor and service of God.

Proved 22 May, 1522*.

SIR JOHN LEEKE.

John Leeke, Knight[1], 10th September 14 Henry VIII. 1522. Intending to go unto the wars in Scotland, under the conduct of the Earl of Shrewsbury[2]. Anthony Fitz-Herbert, Justice[3] at Law, and Godfrey Foliamb, Knight, feoffees of my manors of Sutton in the Dale, Sandacre, Hick-

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* Lansdowne MSS. 949.

[1] Ancestor of the Earls of Scarsdale.

[2] Who in that year was appointed Lieutenant-General of the North, and made several successful inroads into Scotland.

[3] Query, sergeant? for his name does not appear in the list of judges of that period.

ling, Normanton, Chesterfield, Hicknall, Torkam, Little Leeke, Great Leeke, Nottingham, Stoke juxta Newark, Lanforth, Colwiche, Carcolston, and Wynerton. Anne my daughter, by Jane[1] my wife; Thomas Leeke, of Hasylland, my uncle; Thomas Leeke my brother; to Susan, Elizabeth, and Dorothy, my daughters, by Anne Maynwaring my wife, each c marks. And I constitute John Leeke, my son, and Anne Maynwaring my executors.

Proved 10th October 1523.

NICHOLAS LORD VAUX.

Nicholas Lord Vaux, of Harowden[2], 1523. My body to be buried at Harowden if I depart this life in the county of

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[1] Collins, ed. 1735, states, that he married Jane, daughter of Henry Foliambe, and by her had Francis, his successor, and John, also two daughters, Anne, and Katherine, who married Francis Mering; it is evident however, from his Will, that he was twice married, and had several children by his wife *Anne*. If Francis was his eldest son, it is singular that he is not mentioned therein.

[2] For his services at the battle of Stoke he received the honour of knighthood, and appears to have stood high in the favour of Henry VII. in the seventeenth year of whose reign he was present at the marriage of Arthur Prince of Wales, on which occasion, Stow informs us, "he wore a gown of purple velvet adorned with pieces of gold so thick and massy, that besides the silk and furs it was valued at a thousand pounds, as also a collar of SS. weighing eight hundred pounds in nobles;" hence it is not a subject of surprize, that in the bequest of his "wearing gere" to his sons, he should have excepted apparel of cloth of gold and cloth of silver and tissue, for it is not improbable that the chief part of his wealth, besides his lands, consisted in articles of dress of that description. He was appointed Lieutenant of the Castle of Guisnes in Picardy in the 1st Henry VIII. and after filling other important offices was advanced to the peerage on the 27th April 1523, an honour which he enjoyed but a few months, as he died before July in the same year.

Northampton, but if I die in London then at Blackfriars, and if at Guisnes then in the Church there. I will that c *l.* be bestowed upon priests, clerks, and poor people, at my funeral, and that a chantry be founded for one priest to sing masses in the parish Church of Harowden for the souls of my grandfather, father, and mother, as also for the souls of my two wive's, my children's, and my ancestor's souls. To my daughters Margaret, Bridget, and Maud, D *l.* each, to their marriages; to my sons Thomas and William all my wearing gere, except cloth of gold and cloth of silver and tissue. Proved 3d July 1523 *.

THOMAS ASHBURNHAM.

Thomas Ashburnham, of Gesseling, in Sussex, 12 April 1523. My body to be buried before the image of our Lady in the parish Church of Gesseling. Elizabeth my wife; Ellen and Anne, my daughters; I bequeath all my lands in the counties of Kent and Sussex to Thomas my son and his heirs; remainder to William Ashburnham [1], of Ashburnham, Esquire, son of John Ashburnham, my brother *.

SIR ROBERT BRANDON, KNIGHT.

Robert Brandon, Knight [2], 22d February 1522 [3]. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Peter in Wangforth, by my wife, betwixt two pillars. I will that Dame Kathe-

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 305.

[1] Ancestor of the Earls of Ashburnham.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. v. p. 3.

[2] Apparently the uncle of Charles Duke of Suffolk; according to Dugdale, he married .... daughter of .... Althorpe, who probably was his first wife, but it may be inferred that he died s.p.

[3] Query, 1522-3?

rine[1], my wife and executrix, shall pay unto Jane Carowe, and Elizabeth Carowe, daughters of John Carowe, of Hekkom, in Devonshire, all such money as I have received of them. Proved 28th November 1524.

EDWARD LORD MONTEAGLE.

Edward Stanley, Knight, Lord Monteagle, of the Order of the Garter[2]. My body to be buried in the new Chancel, to be made at my cost at the East end of the Chapel of St. Margaret's at Hornby. I will that on the next day after the dedication of the same Chapel my body be exhumated and transferred, with the consent of the Prior of Hornby, from the place where it shall rest in the interim; to the Priory of Hornby XL *s*. I constitute Thomas Darcy, Knight, Lord Darcy, Lord Meynell, and Lord of Knath;

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[1] The daughter of William Lord Zouche, of Haryngworth, and widow of John Carew, of Haccombe, in Devon; by the said John Carew, she had John and Thomas Carew, and two daughters, Jane and Elizabeth, who are mentioned in her second husband's will.

[2] He was fifth son of Thomas first Earl of Derby, and commanded the rear of the English army at the battle of Flodden Field; for his important services on that day Henry VIII. in 1514, commanded, that as his ancestors bore the eagle in their crest and he had gained the hill and vanquished all who opposed him in that battle, he should be proclaimed Lord of Monteagle, by which title he was summoned to Parliament, and was installed a Knight of the Garter 8th May in the same year: he was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Vaughan, widow of John Lord Grey of Wilton, and of Sir Thomas Cocksey, by whom he had no issue; and secondly, to Anne, daughter of Sir John Harrington, by whom he had Thomas, his successor in the Barony, and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Langton, Esquire, mentioned in his will; he is said to have died 6th April 1523, and was interred at Hornby, in Lancashire, but the Visitation of Cheshire states, that his demise occurred in the 16th Henry VIII. 1524, and which is supported by the date of the probate of his will.

Sir John Hussey, Sir Alexander Radclyffe, Knights; Laurence Starky, Esquire, and John Banke, Gentleman, my executors. Thomas, my son and heir; Edward my base son; Thomas Langton, Esquire, Baron of Walton, and Elizabeth[1] his wife, and Edward Langton their son, my godson; I will that Geoffrey Redmayne, Esquire, have the tythe of the barne at Wratton during the non-age of my son Thomas; I will that James Anderton, Esquire, shall enjoy the office of Constableship of my Castle of Hornby[2], having the fee accustomed of v *l.* Proved 25th August 1524.

THOMAS DUKE OF NORFOLK.

In the name of God, Amen. We, Thomas Duke of Norfolk[3], being hole of mind and of good memory, &c.

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[1] She died 17th June 1533, and was buried in St. Sepulchre's Church, in London.

[2] In the will of his nephew Thomas second Earl of Derby, inserted in a former page, some curious particulars relative to Lord Monteagle's tenure of the castle of Hornby, &c. will be found, as the Earl asserts, that his uncle merely possessed it in virtue of his grant, but which, for his subsequent unkindness, he thereby recalled.

[3] Second Duke of Norfolk. He was created Earl of Surrey by Richard III. but being attainted 1 Henry VII. his honours were forfeited. In the 4th Henry VII. he was restored to the Earldom of Surrey, and in the 16th of the same reign was constituted Lord Treasurer of England. This distinguished personage is chiefly known by his important services in the command of the royal army at Flodden Field; in commemoration of which the King granted, as an honourable augmentation to his arms, on the bend thereof, on an escutcheon Or, a demi lion rampant, pierced through the mouth with an arrow, within a tressure flory and counter flory Gules. He was created Duke of Norfolk 1st February 1514, and died 21st May in the same year. His Will is remarkable as being perhaps the latest instrument extant in which a subject speaks of himself in the plural number.

My body to be buried in the Priory of Thetford. For levying cxxxii *l.* vi *s.* viii *d.* for making of our tomb before the high altar at Thetford, as devised by us, Master Clerke, Master of the Kinge's werkes at Cambridge, and Wassel free mason of Bury, and pictures of us and of Agnes[1] our wife to be set together thereupon, as well as may be for the saide sum. I bequeath ccc *l.* each for the marrying of our doughters; to our sonne and heire apparent that shall be living at our decease, our great hangede bedde, palyd with cloth of golde, whyte damask and black velvet, and browdered with these two letters, T. A.[2] and our hangyng of the story of Hercules, made for our great chamber at Framlingham; to our wyfe Agnes all manner of plate, jewels, garnyshed and ungarnyshed, with all our goods, that is to say, all our household stuff, beddings, hangings, sheets, fustians, blankets, pelows, cusheons, hanged beds of gold and silk, or what other stuffe that ever they be of, and all other stuffe belonging to bedding and apparelling of chambers. Item, we give her all our naprie, and all our chapell stuffe, with all maner of kechyn stuff. Item, we give and bequeath unto Agnes our said wife all our apparel for our body, with all our horses, geldings, &c. Item, we give and bequeath unto Agnes our said wife all our harness, and other abillaments of warrys, with long bowes, cross bows, and bendings, all our rynges, jewels of gold, garnished and ungarnished, and all other plate of gold and silver, and silver and gilt, with all our wyne, gold and silver, and all other our goods and cattells. All maner of detts owing to us, as well the revenues of our lands, and their arrerage of the same, as other detts by specialities, obligaciones, bills, or otherwise, due to us at the time of decease, and she therewith to pay the charges of our burial and costs borne. We will that our said wife have and enjoy all our said goodes of our bequest above written, to

[1] His second wife Agnes, sister and heir of Sir Philip Tylney, Knight.

[2] The initials of his Christian name and that of his consort the said Agnes.

hir owne behove and use. And in our most humble wyse we beseech my Lord Cardinal of York[1] good grace, of his charitie to be good and gracious Lord unto our said wife, in hir right, that she may enjoy such things as we have given her by this our last will and testament, and we beseech his grace, that for a poor remembrance he will take our gift a pair of our gilt pots called our Skotish pots. In witness whereof, we, the said Duke, have subscribed our name and sette our seale, &c. this the last day of May, 1520, 12th Henry VIII. And I constitute Agnes, our said wife, and Sir Thomas Blenarhasset, our servant, our executors. All these persons whose names be here subscribed were present at the subscribing and ensealing of this testament by the said Duke, and required specially by him to set their names hereunto, to thintent they may at all tymes hereafter witness the same. T. Norfolk, John Berners, per me, John Jenny, Henry Eward, John Uvedale, William Asheby.

THOMAS EARL OF ARUNDEL.

Thomas Earl of Arundel[2], 12 October 1524. My body to be buried in the Chancel of my Collegiate Church at Arundel, where my Lady[3] my wife doth lie. I constitute Robert[4] Bishop of Chichester, and my son William Arundel[5], Lord Maltravers, my executors. To the Church, Prior, and Convent of my house of Tortyngton LIII *s.* IV *d.*; to my daughter the Lady Lincoln[6], a ring.

Proved 29th December 1524*.

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[1] Cardinal Wolsey.

[2] And Knight of the Garter. He died at his park of Danley 25th October 1524.

[3] Margaret, daughter of Richard Widvile, Earl Rivers.

[4] Robert Sherburn.

[5] Who succeeded his father in the Earldom of Arundel.

[6] Margaret, wife of John de la Pole, Earl of Lincoln.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 324, and MS. notes.

THOMAS LORD LA WARRE.

Thomas West, Lord La Warre, Knight of the Garter[1], 8 October 1524. My body to be buried in a tomb of free stone within the Chancel of the parish Church of Broadwater, according to my honour. To the mother Church of Chichester xx *s.*; to the Church of Broadwater my mantle of blue velvet of the Garter, and my gown of crimson velvet belonging thereto, to make two altar cloths; to the Church of Boxgrave my gown of tawney velvet; to Thomas West[2], my son and heir, all my hangings and beddings within my great chamber of Offington and the Chapel chamber there, also the Chapel as it is now adorned with altar cloths of white satin embroidered with the garter, and a bed of tinsel satin and crimson damask, embroidered with my arms and the Garter, likewise my crimson velvet gown, furred with black; also my manors in the Counties of Sussex, Southampton, Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Gloucester, Devon, Herts, Warwick, Leicester, Lincoln, and Lancaster, to him and his heirs male; remainder to Owen West, my son, and his heirs male; remainder to my sons George and Leonard, and their heirs male; to Thomas my son and Elizabeth his wife the manors of Bradmere, Charleton, Fountell, and Swacliffe, with the appurtenances in Wiltshire; to Elizabeth, late wife of William, my son, deceased, the manors of Compton Valens and Draperton, in the county of Dorset, and Testwood and Wynketon, in the county of Southampton; to Owen West, my son, my manors of Hinton Martell, in the county of Dorset, and Folkington, in Sussex, to him and his heirs male; remainder to Thomas my son and heir; to Leonard West the manors of Sutton Maundeville and Hasilden, in Wiltshire, and Bradele, in Dorset, to him and his heirs male; remainder to Thomas West, Knight,

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[1] He was made a Knight of the Bath at the creation of Arthur Prince of Wales, was elected a Knight of the Garter 1 Henry VIII. and died in 1525.

[2] Who succeeded to his father's honors.

my son and heir; to my daughters Mary, Katherine, and Barbar , to their marriages D marks each; I will that the obit of Dame Elizabeth[1], my first wife, who was buried in the Church of White Friars, London, on St. Peter's Day, be celebrated for thirty years, and also the obits of Richard West, late Lord La Warre, my father, and Katharine his wife, my mother; and I will that x marks be paid yearly for thirty years, to a priest, daily to say mass in the Church of Broadwater, and to pray for my soul and the souls of Elizabeth late my wife, Eleanor[2], my present wife, Richard West and Katherine, my father and mother, and all Christian souls; my daughter Dorothy Owen, and my daughter Anne St. Amonde. I constitute Eleanor, my wife, my sole executrix, and Sir Richard Brook, Knight, Thomas West, my son, and Sir Roger Copley, Knight, overseers.

Proved February 25th, 1525[3]*.

THOMAS CAVENDISH.

In the name of the Fader, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost, Three Persones and One God, I Thomas Cavendishe of the King's Escheker[4], being hole of mynd, and in

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[1] Sister and heir of Sir John Mortimer, of Mortimer's Hall, co. Southampton.

[2] Daughter of Sir Roger Copley, of Gatton, in Surrey, Knight.

[3] Query, 1525-6?

* From the abstract in Collins's Peerage, vol. v. p. 385.

[4] Ancestor of the Dukes of Devonshire. Having studied the law, in the 17th Henry VII. he was employed by Thomas Earl of Surrey in a plea between him and Thomas Lord La Warre; and in the reign of Henry VIII. was appointed Clerk of the Pipe in the Exchequer; he was twice married, first, to Alice, daughter and coheir of John Smith, of Podbrook Hall; she died 12th November 1515, leaving four sons George, William, Thomas, and another George, and a daughter Mary; by his second wife Agnes, daughter of ....., it does not appear that he had any issue.

good memory, the 13th day of April, in the 15th yere of the reigne of King Henry VIII.[1] make my testament and last wille, in manner and fourme as ensueth. First, I bequeth and geve my soul to Almighty God, my Maker and Redemptor, to whom I crye for help and grace, during my natural lyfe in this world, and to his blissid moder our Lady St. Mary, and to all the companye of Hevyn, to pray for me at the departyng of my soule out of my wretched body, for marcy and pitie; and that my soule may be saved by the merits of the most precious passion of my Sovrayn Lord God Jesu Criste. Also I will, That all other testaments and willes made, and bering date before this day, be void, adnulled, and of noon effecte: and my body to be buried in holy sepulture, that is to witt, with Godd's sufferaunce, in the Church of St. Thomas of Acres, within London, in the north isle of the quere, next unto my grandfather William Cavendish, yf it may conveniently be. And if it may not, then sumewhere ells in the same churche, by license of the maister of the same place for the tyme being, yf it fortune me to depart this present lyfe in London, or nygh aboute; or ells in Cristen sepulture, in such place as it shall please God to provide and ordeyne for me. Also I will, require, beseke, and pray, on Godd's behalf, myn executors, that they paye and content my own debts, which I owe of right or conscience, that may be provid dew before myn executors, and the maister of the said Church of St. Thomas of Acres for the time being, in the discharging of my soul and their consciences. Also I bequeth to the Church-werks of the Church of St. Botulphe without Aldriche-Gate of London, vi *s.* viii *d.* And to the reparacions and bilding of the chauntrie of the Trinitie in the same parish xx *s.* Also I bequeth to the said master of Saint Thomas xiii *s.* iiii *d.* for my sepulture there, and xii *d.* for being at the dirige and masse; and to every priest of the same place iiii *d.* and to every clerk ii *d.* Item, I bequeth to the high awter of the parishe churche of Saint Alban Wood-street, where I am a parishioner, for

[1] 1524.

my offerings and tythes forgotten, or negligently paid, in discharging of my soule, vi*s.* viii *d.* Also I bequeth to iiii orders of Freers in London, that is to say, White, Black, Greye, and Augustine, to every of them vi*s.* viii *d.* bringing my corps to the said church, and there say *de profundis* for my soule, and all Cristen soules. Also I will, that myn executors shall fynde and geve twenty pounds at my burying, and for other my funeral expences, and all other the circumstances belonging thereto. And over that xl*s.* for a stone to lye upon my grave. Also I will, that Agnes, my wife, shal have all my landes and tenements in the countie of Kent to sell. And the money thereof, coming of the said sale, to take and retayn to her own use, one hundred and twenty pounds. And of the residue of the said money, that the same Agnes content and paye, or cause to be contented and paid, to my doughter Mary, fourty pounds, at the tyme of her marriage. And yf the said Mary decesse before she be married, then I will, that the said fourty pounds be equally divided between Thomas Cavendishe and William Cavendishe, my sonnes. And yf any of my said two sonnes happen to decesse ar they come to lawful age of xxi yeres, then I will, that the parte of him so departing shall remayne to the other brother so over-lyving. And of this my last will and testament I ordeyn and make myn executors, Agnes my wife, Sir Richard Broke, Knyght, one of the Justices of the Comen Place, and Henry Walter, Gentleman. And to every of the said Richard Broke and Henry Walter I geve and bequeth a blacke gowne and xx*s.* for their labours, desiring them to take the labour for to se the execution of this my last will and testament. And George Cavendishe, my sonne, to be my overseer of the same, after my decesse, in manner and fourme aforesaid. These witness, Sir John Webb, John Newyngton, Henry Walter, and other *.

Proved 1524.

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* Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. i. p. 283.

HENRY LORD MARNEY.

Henry Marney, Knight, Lord Marney[1], 22 December[2] 15 Henry VIII. 1523. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of Leyr Marney, where divers of my ancestors are interred, if I depart this life in or near London. I will that my body be conveyed out of London with the four Orders of Friars of that City, and I bequeath to each of the said Orders xx*s*. To every church meeting my corpse by the way III*s*. IIII*d*.; to every church where my body shall rest by the way VI*s*. VIII*d*.; also I will that twenty-four poor men hold twenty-four torches at my burying and mass, and that each of them have a black gown and a hood, and XII *d*. in money; I will that my executors, immediately after my death, cause a trentall of masses to be said for my soul, and for the souls of Sir William Marney, my grandfather, Dame Katherine, his wife, and Sir Robert Marney, my great grandfather, and his wife, Sir John Marney, and Dame Joan his wife, and for the souls of my two wives, Thomasine and Elizabeth; also for the souls of Thomas Marney and my other children, first, at Scala Cœli, in Westminster, at the Friars Observants at Greenwich, at every of the four Orders of Friars in London, at the Black Friars in Chelmsford, at the Cross Friars and Gray Friars in Colchester, and at the Friars at Maldon; also I will that, with the profits of my lands, the Chapel which I have begun adjoining to the Chancel of the Parish Church of

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[1] He was created a Baron by patent 9th April 1523, and having been elected a Knight of the Garter, died in the following year. Dugdale states, that he was twice married, first, to Thomasine, daughter of Sir John Arundel, of Lanhearne, co. Cornwall; and secondly, to Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Wifield; that by his first marriage he had John, his son and heir, and Katherine, the wife of Thomas Bonham; and by his second wife, a daughter, who married Sir Henry Bedingfield; but it is evident, from his Will that he had other daughters.

[2] Dugdale states, that his will was dated the 22d May 1523.

Leyr Marney, shall be new made, with a substantial roof of timber covered with lead, and the windows glazed with imagery accordingly; also that a tomb of marble shall be set in the wall betwixt the Chancel and the same Chapel, vaulted over with marble, and my image of black marble or touch thereon [1], with every thing convenient and appertaining to the same; also that two images of laton be made with the picture of my two wives, with their coat armours upon them, Thomasine on my right hand, and Elizabeth on my left, on the said tomb; also I will that a new almshouse be made, and set up with five partitions, for five poor men, and one common kitchen for them all, the walls to be made with brick, roofed with timber, and tiled; also a ground for a garden place, to be closed with a brick wall, and that the said poor men shall have yearly twenty loads of wood in their yard, out of the profits of my lands, and each of them toward his maintenance x *d.* every week, and against the feast of St. Michael the Archangel one gown of russet frise, ready made; also that every of the said five poor men shall be such as shall say at the least their paternoster, ave, and creed in Latin; for the which wages and salary I will that every morning at their uprising they shall say for the souls of Sir Robert Marney, Knight, and his wife, Sir John Marney, my father, and Jane his wife, also for the souls of Thomasine and Elizabeth, my wives, of Thomas my son, and for the souls of all my children, five paternosters, five aves, and one creed, and every day go to the Church of Leyr Marney, and there hear mass in the new Chapel above-mentioned; moreover I will that at their first coming into the Church every of them shall kneel down before the Sacrament and say a paternoster and an ave, and then go to my tomb, and there kneeling down, say for my soul, and for the other souls above named three paternosters, three aves, and one creed in worship of the Trinity, and then go down into the Church, and there, in the time of mass or masses, or else before their departure from the said Church, say for the before-named souls *our Lady's Psalter,*

[1] Sic in Dugdale's Abstract.

and at night before their going to bed, every one of them to say, kneeling on their knees, five paternosters, five aves, and the creed, for the souls aforesaid; also I will that such of them as can say *De profundis* shall say it, in lieu of the said five paternosters, five aves, and one creed; also that every Wednesday and Friday they go into the Church at afternoon, and there kneeling about my tomb, say for my soul and the souls aforesaid *our Lady's Psalter*, and if any of them can say *dirige* I will that they say it in lieu of *our Lady's Psalter*; also I will that my executors shall find two good and honest priests to say mass daily in the Chapel aforesaid, and in their masses every day to say *De profundis* for my soul and the other souls before rehearsed; also every Sunday to say *Mass of the Nativity* of our Lord and *of the Annunciation of our Lady*; on Monday *of the Holy Ghost* and *of the Nativity of our Lord*; on Tuesday of *the Trinity* and the *Conception of our Lady*; on Wednesday of the *Resurrection* and *Purification*; on Thursday *de Corpore Christi* and the *Assumption of our Lady*; on Friday *of the Five Wounds* and *of the Cross*; on Saturday *de Omnibus Sanctis et de Requie*; and I will that every Wednesday and Friday every of the said two priests shall say *Placebo, Dirige*, and *Commendations*, for my soul and other the souls before named; also I will that there shall be a chamber made over the said almshouse to lodge these two priests, to the intent that these poor men might be the better guided and ordered, every of the said priests having yearly for his salary x marks; my manors of Kylquite in Cornwall, and Grebreke in Essex; my Lord Fitz-Walter[1], Edmund Bedingfield, and Thomas Bonham, my sons-in-law; John Bonham, son and heir unto

[1] The only connection between the families of Marney and Ratcliff (who then possessed the Barony of Fitz-Walter), stated by Dugdale, is, that George Ratcliffe, second son of Lord Fitz-Walter, married Katherine, daughter of Sir John Marney, second Lord Marney, and the testator's grand-daughter; but this by no means explains his calling Lord Fitz-Walter his son-in-law; probably the MS. abstract from which the above is taken is erroneous in applying that expression to Lord Fitz-Walter.

Thomas Bonham; William Bonham, second son to the said Thomas Bonham; to the son and heir of Sir Edmund Bedingfield; to William Lathum and my daughter his wife[1]; to Ann Bonham, daughter to Thomas Bonham. I constitute my son Sir John Marney my executor.

Proved 15th June 1525*.

SIR JOHN ST. JOHN.

John St. John, of the parish of Bletnesho, Knight[2], 22d March 1524[3]. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Edmund, in the North side of the Church of our Lady St. Mary of Bletnesho aforesaid. To Oliver, my son, all my lands in Sharnebrok, Milton, and Risley, in Bedfordshire; to Alexander, my son, my lands about Bedford. And I constitute John St. John, Sir William Gasken, Knt. and Oliver and Alexander St. John, my sons, my executors; and my Lord Morley[4], my supervisor.

Proved 23d May 1525.

RALPH SWYLLINGTON, ESQ.

Ralph Swillington, 1523. My body to be buried in the Temple Church, London. To George Swillington, my nephew, my purchased lands in Dryfield in Yorkshire; to Elizabeth, my niece c *l.*; to every daughter of Katharine Hulcot, my wife's daughters, x *l.* to their marriages; Eliza-

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[1] No such daughter is assigned to him by Dugdale.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. pp. 301, 302, and a MS. note.

[2] Grandfather of Oliver first Baron St. John of Bletsho. He was made a Knight of the Bath 17 Henry VII.

[3] Query, 1524-5?

[4] His son-in-law, having married his eldest daughter Alice.

beth my wife. I constitute Sir Roger Swillington, priest, my brother, and William Babthorpe, my executors.

Proved 14th February 1525 [1].

SIR JOHN VERNEY, KNT.

John Verney [2], Knight, 20th May 1525. My late wife Anne; my son and heir Ralph Verney; to my son Francis Verney, the manor of Salden; to my daughters Ellen, Katherine, and Anne Verney, D marks each; my brother Robert Verney; my uncle Sir Ralph Verney, senr.; my cousin John Verney *.

VINCENT FINCH.

Vincent Finche [3], of Sandherst, Gent. 10 March, 1523 [4]. My body to be buried in the chancel of St. Nicholas Church, in that parish. I constitute Beatrice, my wife, my servant Jane Twesynden, and Edward Finch and Roger Twesynden, my executors. I will that my feoffees enfeof Henry Finch, and Agnes, his late [5] wife, daughter of Thomas Bettenham, in my manor of Whatlington, and my tenement of Wode-place, with other lands, tenements, &c. in Sedelescombe, Battell, Mondefeld, and Whattington, except those within the Borough of Battell, to the yearly value of x*l.* to them in tail male, remainder to Edward Finche, my son, in like tail; remainder to Herbert

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[1] Query, 1525-6?

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

[2] Of the family whence the Viscounts Fermanagh and Earls Verney, in Ireland, were descended, vide p. 350, and Lodge's Peerage of Ireland.

[3] Apparently descended from Vincent Herbert alias Finch, the common ancestor of the Earls of Winchelsea and Nottingham, and of numerous families of the same name. Vide Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. p. 273.

[4] Query, 1523-4?

[5] Sic in the MS.

Finch; remainder to Nicholas Finch, my son, and his heirs for ever. I will that, after the death of me and my wife, my son Nicholas shall have my lands and tenements in Pluckley, to him and his heirs in fee simple for ever. I will that my manor of Lewens, in Haylsham, stand in feoffees hands, to the performance of my will; that is to say, that if Herbert Finch do interpose, and will not suffer my executors to perform my will, then I will that Laurence, Lord Abbot of Battell, shall order that matter after his discretion; and if he find defective, then I will that my feoffees take the profits of those lands by the space of three years, and the same to be bestowed according to my will; and after those three years, so that he offend no more, to make a state thereof to the said Herbert Finch, and to his eldest son and heir male, and so from one to another, and for default of such issue, the remainder thereof to Walter Finch, and to his eldest son, and so lineally from heir to heir. To Margaret, my daughter, and her heirs, my field in Sandherst, that I bought of Patynden; to Edward Fynch, my son, my lands and tenements in Ewehurst, and in the Borough of Battell, to him and his heirs for ever; and to the said Edward, in like manner, my lands and tenements, rents and services, in Wittresham, Stone, and Lydd. Proved 1 June 1524, at Canterbury.

CLEMENT FRENGHAM.

Clement Frengham, of Roloynden, 26th April 1523. My body to be buried in Skolles Chancel, before the image of the Trinity. My daughters Thomasine, Lucy, and Joan. M. Richard Guldeford, my master's son. John Newland, my son-in-law; Henry Frengham my cousin; my cousin Edward Frengham, of Halden; George my son; Robert Wyse, Vicar of Rolvynden; to Eustache, my son, a messuage and piece of land that I purchased of John Wellys, to him and his heirs for ever; to my son George my principal messuage and lands when he arrive at 21 years; to my

son Nicholas all my lands and tenements in the parish of Tenterden, and such marsh land lying in the parish of Rolvynden as I have not already bequeathed, when the said Nicholas arrive at the age of 21 years, and all my lands in Wodechurch, on condition that he discharges the wages of the chantry priest of Tenterden aforesaid, as he stands bounden to do by specialitie; my cousin Thomas Frengham, of Northiam; Frencham Bregge; if any of my sons die under age, and without issue, I will that my surviving sons inherit in equal shares, and if all my sons die before 21, and without issue, then I will that my estates remain to my daughters in tail male; remainder to the next heir male, lawfully begotten, of the name of Frengham, in fee simple; I bequeath towards buying a new cross in the Church of Rolvynden XL *s.* and to the said Church all my pryksong books, and all other books that I have convenient for the quire. Proved at Canterbury.

GILES TALBOT, CLERK.

Sir Giles Talbot, Parson of St. Martin's next Canterbury, 15 March 1523 [1]. My body to be buried in the Chancel of that Church. Master Edward Broughton, official and Parson of St. George's, Canterbury; John Clerk, Vicar of St. Paul's. Proved 9th May, 1524, at Canterbury.

RICHARD SYDAY.

Richard Syday, of Egerton, 26th April 1524. I will that my feoffees deliver to the Churchwardens of Egerton a sufficient estate in a piece of land called Yokefeld, to find every Sunday in the year for ever, a pennyworth of white bread, holy bread to be made of; and twenty-six Sundays

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[1] Query, 1523-4?

in the year to be delivered in the said Church to poor people an obit, and to pay the parish priest for his trouble, every year, to pray for my wife's soul, and all Christian in the bede roll VIII *d.*; and I will that the residue arising from the said lands, the Churchwardens then being, have for their labour and attendance; to my wife Margaret my messuage and lands called Bullgamyshylls, in the parish of Westwell, for ever.

Proved 25th October 1524, at Canterbury.

THOMAS KNATCHBULL.

Thomas Knatchbull, of Marsham. My body to be buried in the parish Church next behind the sepulture of my father. To the Church of Herst VI *s.* VIII *d.*; my two sisters; my brother John's wife. I appoint my brother John Knatchbull my residuary legatee and executor.

Proved 21st February 1524[1], at Canterbury.

RICHARD TOWNLEY.

Richard Townley, of Ickham. To the painting of the image of St. Nicholas in the Church there III *s.* IV *d.*; to Alyse, my wife, my house and garden during her life, after which the same to remain to the parish Church of Ickham for ever, to defray the cost of ringing the curfew. I appoint Sir John Boram, priest of Ickham, my attorney, to enfeoff John Franklyn, Parson of Ickham, and John Gazon, of the same parish, yeoman, in the same, for the aforesaid purpose. Proved 4th December 1525, at Canterbury.

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[1] Query, 1524-5?

WILLIAM MYLSENT.

I, William Mylsent[1], the elder, of Great Lynton, in the county of Cambridgeshire, perceiving and seeing the casualties of this world, and remembering also how death is due to every creature and the time uncertain, trusting also stedfastly to be saved by the infinite merits of Christ's passion, and the mercy of God, which is not denied to any Christian man that effectually desireth it, and is in will to forsake sin and live after his law to his power, therefore, according to the ordinance of the Church, I, the said William, being in a whole and perfect mind and memory, thanked be God, the 18th day of October, the year of our Lord God 1523, the year of our Sovereign Lord King Henry VIII. 15th, make this my last will and testament, declaring how I would have my goods ordained and spended by such as I chuse for my friends under this form and manner here following. First, in my most hearty manner and reverent, I give and bequeath my soul to the great mercy of my Lord God my most merciful maker and pitiious redeemer, with as humbly, meekly, and interly desire as my tongue can speak or heart can think, and by the meditation and help of our blessed Lady and all the Saints in Heaven, desiring his infinite grace and goodness to accept and take it to his everlasting joy and bliss; and my wretched body to be buried in Linton Church-yard, if I die there, or in any other Church-yard where it shall please our Lord God to take it out of this world, the costs and charges of my burial and other alms deeds, in the day of my burial,

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[1] Apparently the ancestor of Sir Roger Millecent, of Barham Hall, in Linton, in the county of Cambridge, who was High Sheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon 8 James I. and died in October 1621, leaving by his first wife, Alice Gray, widow of William Cook, of Cheshall Hall, in Essex, Robert, and Henry Millecent; and by his second wife, Amphilis, daughter of Richard Grymes, of Norfolk, two daughters, Amphilis and Katherine.

in the seventh day, and in the month's day, for my soul's health, and all Christian souls, I put it unto the discretion of mine executors, desiring them to do for me as they would that other men should do for them; to the high altar, for my tithes negligently forgotten, and not done III *s.* IV *d.*; to my son William, for to pray for me, my wife, and my friends, and all Christian souls V *l.* VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to Sir William Long, for to do likewise XXVI *s.* VIII *d.* and meat and drink for the space of half a year; Item, to Master Prior of Barham, to pray for me and all Christian souls in Linton Church III *s.* IV *d.*; to every child of my son Thomas that is unmarried XX *s.* with the which money I will that the father buy barley or malt, withal that it may increase to the behoof and profit of the children at such time as they be married or take any other degree upon them; to every godchild of mine and of my wife's, and to every servant of mine IV *d.*; and to Philip Meade and John Taylor XII *d.* each of them; to every poor man and woman that keepeth a house in Linton a bushel of malt and a bushel of bread corn; to the mending of the highway al hissyd Barham, forty load of stones, to be laid there where most need is; to the Trinity Gild of Linton, for the mending of the cawsy and pergetyng of the Gild Hall XI *s.* VIII *d.*; also I will, if the town be content, that two almons houses, within three years after my death at the farthest, be builded upon the parsonage ground that longeth unto the Gild Hall, for four poor men and women, at the least, of the same town which hath most need of help and succour, as it shall be seen always unto mine executors, for to pray for me, my wife, my friends, and all Christian souls; I will also that they that shall dwell in them shall take no vagabonds into them, nor no other, except my assigns give them license, and so that they be good and honest that they take in; and they that will not be content with this, I will that they be put forth, and others set in their place that will be content; I will also that one over chamber at the one end be builded for them that will hire it, for to lay in corn, and the vantage and rent of it I will that mine executors have it to repair the houses sufficiently withal at all times; and if the

town be not content that these houses should be builded upon their ground, then I will that mine executors distribute the valour of it in alms deeds unto poor men and women there most need is, or to some other good thing; for an obit to be done in Linton Church for me, my wife, and my friends, and all Christian souls, VI *s.* VIII *d.* and if it fortune at any time that the said obit be [unsayd] or not kept, by the space of a month, then I will that the curate of the parish have authority to assign whom he will to take a stress in my house in land for it (whosoever dwell in it) and he that taketh the stress to have for his labour IV *d.* The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give free unto my two sons Thomas and William, to do with them as it shall please them; if it fortune that Thomas, my son, dye before Johan his wife, I will that the said Johan have my house and land her life time, provided that she repair them up sufficiently. I make my two sons Thomas and William mine executors, and supervisor of the same Maister Nicols, Fellow of Pembroke Hall, desiring them, in our Lord Jesu Christ, to be as I take them, my most true friends, to pray for me, that it may please Almighty God, my celestial father, of his great mercy and goodness, and by the merits of Christ's passion, his well-beloved son, to deliver me from everlasting pain, and to receive and bring me to his celestial kingdom, with his elect and chosen children, there ever to reign and continue with him in true felicity, to whom be glory and honour, now and ever, Amen. Witnesses of this last will of mine, Maister John Thixtill, Fellow of Pembroke Hall, and John Stacy, of Linton, with other more.

Proved 14th December 1527 *.

JOHN LORD ZOUCHE.

John Zouche, Lord Zouche and St. Maur [1], 8th October

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* Harl. MSS. 7043, f. 167.

[1] Baron Zouche of Haryngworth. He was attainted 1st Henry VII. for his services to Richard III. at Bosworth Field, but was

1525. My body to be buried in the Priory of Stavordale, in the Chapel of the Chauntry of Jesus there, lately by me founded in the Chapel of the Chauntry of Stavordale aforesaid, in the county of Somerset. I will that my debts be paid out of my manors of Clissesham, Launde, Bramfield, and Little Houghton. And I constitute Sir John Fitz-James, Knight, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and Sir John Zouche, my son and heir, my executors.

Proved 20th March 1525-6.

WILLIAM LORD WILLOUGHBY OF ERESBY.

William Willoughby, Knight, Lord of Willoughby and Eresby[1], 4th May 1526. My body to be buried in the Collegiate Church of Spillesby. To the Church of Parham, for my tithes and offerings negligently forgotten, iv*l.*; to Lady Mary, my wife, for term of her life, my manors of Hellow, Abye, Swabye, Welles, Alford, Parteney, and Thedilthorpe, in the county of Lincoln, Walcote, Wheatacre, and Wheatacre Burrough, in the county of Norfolk; Ufford, Bredfelde, Sogennowe, Winderfelde, Woodbridge, Orford, Wykes, Ufford, and Cambys, in the county of Suffolk, according to the covenants of marriage made betwixt

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fully restored in blood and honours in the 11th Henry VII. and died 18th Henry VIII.; by Joan his wife, sister and coheir of John Lord Dynham, he had issue John, who succeeded to his father's honours, William, and also four daughters, viz. Jane, Katherine, Margaret, and Cecily, all of whom are mentioned in the will of their grandmother Lady Dynham, in p. 431.

[1] He succeeded to the Barony of Willoughby of Eresby, and was summoned to Parliament 1st Henry VII. and died 7th Henry VII. leaving by Mary, his wife, daughter of ..... Salines, a Spaniard, who had been maid of honour to Katherine of Arragon, one daughter, his sole heir, viz. Katherine, who married, first, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk; and secondly, Richard Bertie, Esquire, in whose descendants, by the said Richard Bertie, the ancient Barony of Willoughby of Eresby, became vested.

us. And as to the residue of all my other manors, viz. of Eresby, Spillesby, Toynton, Willoughby, Steping, the great Hanby, Fullistowe-Beke, Fullistowe-Arsick, Salflet Haven, Cokerington, Friskeney, Yngolmeles, Westerkele, Slykford, Ratheby, Skyrbek, the tolle in Boston Dubledike, in Gosberkirke, otherwise called Gosberton, and Pinchebek, in the county of Lincoln, Rowton, in the county of Norfolk, and Parham, in the county of Suffolk; also the reversion of my manors of Egefelde, in the county of Norfolk, and Wespringe, in the county of Lincoln, after the decease of my brother John Willoughby and Cecily his wife, with the reversion of my manor of Bandesey, in the county of Suffolk, after the decease of my brother George Willoughby and Anastace his wife; also I will that my manors of Orby, Brugh, Hoggishorp, Skidbrok, Belcheforth, and Folleby, in the county of Lincoln, shall go to the performance of my will; and after the decease of my brother Thomas Willoughby[1] and Bridget his wife, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, that the manor of Brandon, in the county of Warwick, shall remain for the performance of my will and payment of my debts; also I will that a tomb be erected for me and my wife in the College of Spillesby, and another at Metingham, for the late Lord Willoughby, Sir Robert that lieth there, my near kinsman; also I will that there be expended upon my burial, in all charges, viz. black gowns, the dole, the dinner, the carriage of my body to Spillesby, cc *l.* sterling; also I will that the chauntry of Spillesby have to the building of it and the Church cc *l.* in sterling money, in recompence of the lead that I had there; also I bequeath vi *l.* every year to find a priest to sing for me, my wife, my father, mother, and children, and good friends; as also iv *l.* for an obit every year for me for ninety-nine years; to Katherine, my daughter; to my brother, Sir Christopher's son and heir; my godson William Willoughby[2] . . . . with my best harness, twelve

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[1] Ancestor of the Barons Middleton.

[2] First Baron Willoughby of Parham.

bows, eight bills, and twelve sheafs of arrows; to my brother George's son and heir ten almaine rivetts; to my brother Thomas's son and heir; to my brother Ever's son and heir as to my brother George's son and heir; to my brother Tirrell's son and heir; to my nephew Digby's son and heir six almaine rivetts; my nephew Townsend; to my nephew Clere as to my nephew Digby's son and heir; to Elizabeth Fynes my kinswoman xx *l.* to her marriage if she be ruled by my wife and my brother Sir John *.

CHARLES EARL OF WORCESTER.

Charles Earl of Worcester, Lord Herbert of Gower and Chepstow, and Chamberlain to our sovereign Lord King Henry the Eighth [1], 21st March 1524. My body to be buried in the Church of the College of our Lady and St. George within the castle of Windsor, where my first wife is buried, and where her tomb and mine is made by the consent and agreement of the Dean and Chapter and Canons

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* From a MS. abstract, and Dugdale's note, vol. ii. p. 87.

[1] And a Knight of the Garter. He was natural son of Henry Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, by Joan Hill; in the 1st Henry VII. he was appointed of the Privy Council to that monarch, and in the 3d Henry VII. became Admiral of the King's Fleet. He was summoned to Parliament 1st and 3d Henry VIII. to which monarch, as well as to his father Henry VII. he was Lord Chamberlain, and was created Earl of Somerset in the 5th Henry VIII. By his first wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Herbert, Earl of Huntingdon, he had issue Henry his son and heir, who succeeded to his honours, and from whom the present Duke of Beaufort is descended, and a daughter Elizabeth, who married Sir John Savage, Knight; his second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas West Lord La Warr, by whom he had Sir Charles Somerset, Sir George Somerset, and a daughter Mary, who became the wife of William Lord Grey of Wilton. His third wife was Alianore, daughter of Edward Lord Dudley, but by her, who appears to have survived him, he had no issue.

of the same place, at such time as I founded a priest to say mass daily and perpetually there, for the souls of me and Elizabeth my first wife, her friend's, and mother's, and all other souls, which foundation I desire and charge Henry my son and his heirs truly to perform and keep; I will that in case I depart this life in London, Kaiho, or near the river Thames, that my body be brought by water to the said Church of Windsor, as privately as may be, without pomp or great charge of torches or cloathing, hearse, wax, or great dinner, but only for them that must needs be had, that is to say twenty men of my own servants, to bear every man a torch, and to have cloathing, and the bier or hearse to be covered with black cloth, and my body under the same with a white cross upon it; also I will that no month's mind dinner shall be kept for me, but only an obit of an hundred masses to be said for me at Windsor or other places where my executors shall appoint; to Aleanore, now my wife, DC marks in plate, with all my jewels, chains, rings, &c.; to my son Henry all my harness, artillery, and habiliments of war, except the harness for my own body, the which I bequeath to George my son; to my said son Henry all my robes of estate and robes of parliament, with my mantle, gown, and hood, of the order of the Garter; to Elizabeth and Mary my daughters; I will that Alianore, my wife, have my manor of Brickhill, in the county of Bucks, for life, with remainder to my son George Somerset and his heirs *. Proved 20th November 1526.

DR. JOHN DOWMAN, LL. D.

John Dowman, Doctor, Archdeacon of Suffolk[1], 8th November 1526. My body to be buried within the Chapel of

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* From a MS. note, and Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 294.

[1] Le Neve states, that the time of his admission to that dignity does not appear, but that he resigned it in 1526. The vacancy was more probably occasioned by his death. Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ.

St. Katherine, on the South side of the Cathedral of St. Paul, against the pavement under the altar there by me made. To my brother Christopher Dowman two great flat bowls; to Elizabeth Dowman, daughter of my said brother Christopher, a bed, and to each of my brother Christopher's four daughters. Proved 6th December 1526.

HENRY BROKEMAN.

Henry Brokeman, of Lyminge. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Edburgh there. To the making of the steeple there v *l.* to be paid as the work goes forward; Sellester my wife; Harry and John my sons; Alice, Agnes, and Thomasine, my daughters; I bequeath all my lands and tenements in Lyminge and Elham to Harry my son, at the age of 21 years, in tail general; remainder to John my son; remainder to be sold by my feoffees.

Proved 11th July 1527, at Canterbury.

ROBERT BURTON, CLERK.

Robert Burton, Priest and Vicar of Ikelington, in the diocese of Ely, 1st September 1527. My body to be buried in some sanctuary where it shall please God. And I give my vestment unto the parish Church of Ikelington, for ever; to my Lady Prioress of Ikelyngton, and to her sisters, and to her Chaplain x *s.* to say a dirige and mass for all Christian souls; to the Master and Fellows of St. Michael College, in Cambridge, all such parcel of debts as be owing unto me of my poor debtors, of the which I have delivered a letter with my hand written, to the hands of the president of the same College, to the reparations of the same place; to Master William Nicolson, the president of the College of St. Michael, in Cambridge, my little maser, to pray for me; and I give unto my Lady Prioress my best

pane, and my greatest pot of brass. The residue of all my goods, here not written or given, I commit them to the discretion of the foresaid Mr. William Nicolson, and to Sir Thomas Knolls, whom I make conjunctly mine executors. Proved 22d October 1527 *.

ANTHONY HASELDEN.

Anthony Haselden, of Gilden Morden, in the County of Cambridge. My wife Jane; my son, William Haselden; my daughter Elizabeth, betrothed to George Anstie; my nephews, William Caldecote and John Docwra †.

Proved 1st January 1527 [1].

RICHARD DRUELL.

Richard Druell, of Clothull, in the County of Hertford, 3d May 1526. My manors and Lands in the Counties of Herts, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and Northampton; my late wife, Mary Penycock; my now wife, Grace; my daughters, Ann and Jane Druell; my brother, John Druell †.

WALTER BULSTRODE, ESQ.

Walter Bulstrode, Esq. My body to be buried at Beaconsfield, in the County of Bucks; my brother, Sir William Bulstrode [2]; my sister Broke. Proved 12th July 1526 †.

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* Harl. MSS. 7043, fo. 172.

† Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] Query, 1527-8?

[2] It appears that this Sir William Bulstrode's testament was proved 11th April 1527, in which he mentions his wife Maud.

ELIZABETH LADY CLIFFORD.

Elizabeth Lady Clifford, widow of Robert Clifford, of Aspenden. My body to be buried there; my son, Thomas Clifford. Proved 20th February 1526*.

SIR WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE, KNIGHT.

William Waldegrave, of Smallbridge, in Suffolk, Knt.[1] 26 January, 1524-5. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. Mary Buers, in a tomb I have caused to be made under the arch between the high altar and the Chapel of Jesu; and I will that I be buried within the space of twenty-four hours after my decease. To Dame Margery[2], my wife, all my jewels; my manors and lands in the Counties of Suffolk, Essex, and Northampton; above all things, I desire my executors to pay my debts, and if I have wronged any man to satisfy him; my wife has the manor of Edwardstone; I constitute Margery my wife, and my sons George and William, my executors.

Proved March 6, 1527-8†.

JOHN LORD MARNEY.

John Marney[3], Knt. Lord Marney, of Marney, in the

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* Query, 1526-7? Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

[1] Ancestor of the Earls Waldegrave; he was made a Knight of the Bath 14th November 1501, at the marriage of Arthur Prince of Wales, and died 30th January 1528.

[2] Daughter of Sir Henry Wentworth, of Cobham, in Essex.

† From Collins' Abstract, vol. iv. p. 419.

[3] Second Baron Marney, of Leyr Marney. He was Esquire of the Body to Henry VIII. and Governor of the Castle of Rochester.

County of Essex, 10th March, 1524[1]. My body to be buried in the new aisle on the North side of the Parish Church of Leyr Marney, in the midst of the said aisle, directly against the midst of the said new Chapel, six feet from the partition betwixt the Chapel and aisle, in a vault of brick, so large that two bodies may be laid therein; over the which vault I will that a tomb shall be set, and made of such stone as my father's tomb was made, if it can be gotten, else of grey marble, and to be eight feet in length and five in breadth, and four feet high, to be wrought in like sort as my father's tomb, except the vault above and the arms about the tomb, which I will be changed according to the direction of the Herald; also I will that about the said tomb there shall be made a grate of wainscot, and at every corner thereof a principal pillar, with a white lybard upon the top thereof, and upon it an image of myself, like unto that upon my father's tomb, and pourtrayed in coat armour, with my helmet and crest at the head, and a white leopard at the feet, and on either side of my image one image of brass for each of my two wives, Dame Christian and Dame Bridget, with their coat armours; also I will that at the West end thereof there shall be an altar whereat a priest to sing for me perpetually; whereas I am sole executor to Sir Roger Newburgh, who willed that all his cattle

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He married, first, Christian, daughter and heir of Sir Roger Newburgh, Knight, by whom he had two daughters, Katherine, who married George Ratcliffe and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Lord Thomas Howard, afterwards created Viscount Bindon, second son of Thomas third Duke of Norfolk. His second wife was Bridget, daughter of Sir .... Waldegrave, and widow of Finderne, but it does not appear that he had any issue by her, who survived him above twenty years (Vide her will in a subsequent page). It might be inferred from a passage in the above will that Lord Marney had a former wife *Amy*, but probably the inference arises from the confused manner in which the abstract of his will is given by Dugdale. Dying without male issue, the Barony of Marney became extinct.

[1] Query, 1524-5?

unbequeathed to me and my wife, should be divided betwixt John Pytt, Henry Combe, and John Doble, by the discretion of me and my wife Christian his daughter; Katherine and Elizabeth my daughters; I will that Dame Bridget my wife have c *l.* in plate, with remainder to my brother Sir Edmund Bedingfield and my sister Dame Grace his wife: my brother Thomas Bonham, Esquire, and my sister Katherine his wife; I bequeath cc *l.* sterling towards the new building of the Church at Leyr Marney, and I will that my executors find an honest priest to pray for me and those after named, within that parish Church for ever; as also to say mass at my chauntry altar at the end of my tomb, and there to pray for my soul and for the souls of Sir Henry Marney late Lord Marney[1] my father, of Dame Thomazine my mother, and also for the souls of my wives Dame Bridget, Dame Christian, and Amy Marney, and for the soul of my brother Thomas Marney. And I constitute Sir Robert Dymock, Chancellor to the Queen's Grace, Sir William Walgrave, Knight, and Sir Roger Wentworth, Knight, Overseers of this my will *. Proved 28th January[2] 1525.

THOMAS DENNY.

Thomas Denny[3], son and heir of Sir Edmond Denny, late one of the King's Exchequer, 10th May 1527. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Chesthunt, where I dwell, and I will that a stone be laid on me, and that a

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[1] Vide his will in p. 609.

* From the Abstract in Dugdale's Baronage, vol. ii. p. 302, and a MS. note.

[2] *June* in Dugdale.

[3] Eldest son of Sir Edmond Denny, whose will is inserted in p. 559. It is evident, from his ordering the 10th of May to be engraved on his tomb as the date of his demise, that he imagined himself at the point of death when he made his testament, which is dated on that day, but as it was not proved until the middle of July following, he probably survived for some weeks.

picture of death be made on the said stone, with scrolls bearing this writing, to be written thereon:

As I am so shall ye be
Now pray for me of y'r charity
With a Paternoster and an Ave
For the rest of the soul of Thomas Denny,

which died the x day of May MDXXVII, and for the souls of Edmond Denny and Mary his wife, my father and mother, and William Denny and Agnes his wife, my grandfather and grandmother. To the nuns at Chesthunt xx *s.*; John my son; Elizabeth my daughter; to Eleanor, my brother William Walsingham's daughter, a little chain; to my brother Edward Mannocke, my gown of damask; Ursula and Gertrude my daughters; to Anthony my brother, and to the children of my sisters Joyce, Mary, and Martha. I will that Elizabeth, my wife, have the goods in the chamber of the Temple. Proved 17th July 1527.

JOHN ROOPER.

John Rooper, Gent. dwelling in the Hospital of St. John without the walls of Canterbury. I will that there be made as large a window at Our Lady's altar of the said Hospital as there now is at the high altar of the said Hospital, to be glazed within two years after my decease, with such imagery or pictures as I shall show to my executors. Thomasine, my wife; Sir William Braborne, Prior of St. Gregory; Master Wootton; William Brent, Gent.; my lands in Wyngham, Staple, and Goodnestone, purchased of William Broke, and in Westbere and Chistlet, purchased of Overton; Alys Wode, my grandmother; William Tucke, my grandfather; my lands in Boughton, purchased of Richard Potman; Johanna, my daughter. My manor of Hawe in St. Stephen's of Hackington, and a court-lodge and dove-house in St. Dunstan's, &c. to the use of me and

my wife in tail male; remainder to our right heirs; remainder to my wife, and her heirs in fee. I will that my manors, lands, &c. in Whitstaple, Costonus, Bleane, Sturrey, and Bekesborne, late belonging to William Woodland, my grandfather[1], and which Alys Woode, daughter of the said William, my grandmother, devised to me by her will, shall remain to Thomasine, my wife, for life, and afterwards to the heirs of my body in tail male; remainder to the heirs general of my body, &c. My manor of Brendley, in Boughton, with its appurtenances, in like manner. Sir Dunstan Petle, Vicar of Westgate, Canterbury; Benet, my sister, wife of Richard Ramsay.

Proved at Canterbury, 12th October, 1527.

GEORGE WALDEGRAVE, ESQUIRE.

George Waldegrave[2], 6th July, 1528. My body to be buried near the tomb of my father; to Ann, my wife, my manors of Smalbridge-Silvester, otherwise Netherhall, Overhall, and Freps in Buers, together with the manor of Wethermonsford, alias Wormynford, in Essex, during the minority of William, my son and heir; but if it so happen that the said William die within age, then I will that she hold them until George, my second son, come to the age of twenty-one years; and if he die within age, then that she hold them in like manner until my third son, Edward, come to the age of twenty-one; and if he die within age then that she hold them until Richard, my fourth son, come to the age of twenty-one. And I constitute Ann, my said wife, my sole executrix*. Proved 25th August, 1528.

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[1] Query, Great-Grandfather? Vide infra.

[2] Son and heir of Sir William Waldegrave, whose will is inserted in p. 626. He was born in 1483, and survived his father but a few months; by Ann, his wife, daughter of Robert Drury, of Halsted in Suffolk, and who married, secondly, Sir Thomas Jermyn, of Rushbrook in Suffolk; he had the sons named in his will and two daughters. From William Waldegrave, his eldest son, the present Earl Waldegrave is descended.

* Collins' Abstract, vol. iv. p. 420.

SIR ROBERT WALLOP, KNT.

Robert Wallop[1], 22d August, 1529. My body to be buried in the Church of Farley, within the Chancel, next to my father's tomb. To the Mother Church of St. Swithin xs.; also xx s. because I am a brother of the Chapter-house there. Whereas I have, by deed bearing date 7th April, 10 Henry VIII. 1519, enfeoffed my manor of Chiddesden, for the space of twenty years, the issues and profits thereof to be applied to charitable uses; to Rose, my wife, the residue of the profits of my said manor of Chiddesden, or her executors, to be disposed of in deeds of charity and mercy without any account. I constitute Rose, my said wife, my sole executrix, without any overseer, and I bequeath to her all my debts and goods; to Oliver Wallop, my nephew, all my lands and tenements in Andover, to him and his heirs. To this my will, written with my own hand, the Bishop of Durham, John Sarkfield, William Roper, and others, have at my request set their hands*.

Proved 16th June, 1535.

CECILY MARCHIONESS OF DORSET.

Cecill Marquess of Dorset, Lady Haryngton and Bonvyll, late wife of Thomas Marquess of Dorset[a], 6th May,

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[1] He was Sheriff of the County of Southampton in the 1st, 7th, and 15th of Henry VII. and in 5th Henry VIII. was by act of Parliament appointed to collect a subsidy of £163,000 by a poll tax, he being "one of the most discreet persons, Justices of the Peace," and died circa 1535 s. p.

* From Collins' Abstract, vol. v. p. 63.

[a] She was the daughter and heir of William Bonville, Lord Harington, jure matris, son and heir of William Bonville, who died vita patris, eldest son of William Baron Bonville; and married, first, Thomas Grey, Marquess of Dorset, whose will is inserted in p. 441; and secondly, Henry Stafford, Earl of Wiltshire, by whom

19 Henry VIII. 1527[1]. My body to be buried in the Chapel within the Church of the College of Astley, in Warwickshire, in the tomb where the body of the said Lord Marquess my husband is buried. I will that, soon after my decease, a thousand masses be said for my soul, in as convenient haste as may be. I will that a goodly tomb be made in the Chapel of Astley over the said Lord Marquess my husband, and another over me. I will that my executors provide two priests daily to sing in the said Chapel of Astley, by the space of eighty years, to pray for the soul of the said Lord Marquess, and for my soul, and that each of them have VIII *l.* yearly stipend for their pains. Whereas Cecily, Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Margaret, daughters to the said Lord Marquess, had each M *l.* to be raised out of divers manors of my inheritance. Cecily, my daughter, wife of Sir John Dudley, Knt. son and heir to the Baron Dudley; Dorothy is Lady Mountjoy; Elizabeth is now Countess of Kildare. I will that my beloved Lord Richard, my son, have the manor of Multon, in the county of Lincoln; to my son Lord Grey the manors of Yarde, Pokin-

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she had no issue. By her first husband she had six sons, viz. Thomas second Marquess of Dorset, Edward and Anthony, who died young, Richard, John, George, a priest, and Leonard, who was created Viscount Graney in Ireland, but was executed and attainted in 1541; also seven daughters, viz. Dorothy, who married first, Robert Lord Willoughby de Broke, and secondly, William Blount Lord Mountjoy; Cecily, the wife of John Sutton, Baron Dudley; Eleanor, the wife of John Arundell, of Lanhearne, in Cornwall, Esquire; Elizabeth, of Gerald Earl of Kildare; Mary, of Walter Devereux, Lord Ferrers of Chartley, who was afterwards created Viscount Hereford; and Margaret, who married Richard Wake, of Blisworth, in the County of Northampton. Dugdale and other writers also state, that she had another daughter Ann, who was the wife of Richard Clements, but it appears from the will of Thomas, the second Marquess of Dorset (*vide infra*) that this Ann was the widow of Lord John Grey, his brother, and that the said Richard Clements was her second husband.

[1] Dugdale states that this will was dated 6th *March* 19 Henry VIII viz. 1528, sed quere.

ton, Torrells, and Littlesdon, in the county of Somerset, for his life. Whereas I gave to Lord Leonard Grey my manors of Says-Bonvill, and Pixton, in Somerset, and the manor of Albryngton, in Dorset, and the manor of Marston, in Sussex, for his life; my feoffees, Robert Ratcliff Viscount Fitzwalter, Henry Lord Stafford, Edward Lord Courtney, George Lord Hastings, William Blount, Lord Mountjoy, Francis Lord Talbot, Henry Lord Montague, Walter Devereux, Knt. Lord Ferrers, Charles Blount, son and heir-apparent to the said Lord Mountjoy, Henry Francis Fitzgarrett[1], one of the sons of the Earl of Kildare, John Sutton, Knt. son and heir-apparent of the Baron Dudley, Richard Devereux, Esq. son and heir-apparent of the said Lord Ferrers, Henry Willoughby, son and heir male to the Lord Brooke, William Willoughby, brother to the said Henry, John Arundell, Esq. son and heir of Sir John Arundell, Knt. John Arundell, Knt. son and heir-apparent of the said John Arundell, Esquire, Thomas Arundell, Esquire, brother to the said John Arundell, Edward Sutton, Esquire, son and heir-apparent of the said Sir John Sutton, Knight, Thomas Sutton, another son of the said Sir John Sutton, Henry Sutton, another of the sons of the said Sir John Sutton, George Carew, son and heir to Sir William Carew, Knight, Hugh Stewkley, son and heir of Sir William Stewkley, Knight, Giles Heron, Esquire, Walter Devereux, another son of the said Lord Ferrers, Hugh Paulet, Esquire, son and heir of Sir Amyas Paulet, Knight, Robert Dormer, Esquire, Thomas Brudenell, Esquire, son and heir-apparent of Sir Robert Brudenell, Knight, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, George Stafford, Esquire, Jerome Hampden, Esquire, Anthony Lee, Esquire, son and heir-apparent of Sir Robert à Lee, Nicholas Clerke, son and heir-apparent to Sir John Clerke, Knight, Thomas Stafford,

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[1] Or Fitz-Gerald. Though Collins does not appear to notice the fact, Baker's Chronicle, sub anno 1537, speaks of "the family of the Geraldines or *Fitz-Garrets* Earls of Kildare in Ireland." Neither Lodge nor Collins notice a son of the Earl of Kildare, whose baptismal name was either Henry or Francis.

son and heir of William Stafford, Esq. John Stafford, another son of the said William Stafford, William Dormer, son and heir of the said Robert Dormer, Richard Briges, son and heir of Henry Briges, Giles Briges, brother to the said Richard, George Stafford, Gent. brother to the said John Stafford, John Goodwin, Gent. Thomas Packington, John Packington, son of Robert Packington, Gent. Alexander Fetiplace, son and heir of Anthony Fetiplace, Esquire, Richard Bulstrode, Gent. Walter Bulstrode, Gent. Richard Stafford, Gent. and brother to the said Thomas Stafford, William Dormer, Walter, Geoffrey, John, Martyn, Humphrey, and Ambrose Dormer, sons of Michael Dormer, of London, Merchant of the Staple of Calais. And I constitute William Blount, Knight, Lord Mountjoy, and Sir John Fitz-James, Knight, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, my trusty and dearly beloved son Thomas Arundell, Esquire[1], Richard Lyster, Gent. Attorney General to the King, John Baldwin, Esq. and Walter Cocks, my chaplain, my executors *.

Proved 5th November, 1530.

ISABEL LADY POYNINGS.

Dame Isabell Poynyngs, of Smeethe, in the County of Kent. My body to be buried in the Church of Braborne. To our Lady Chapel of Curt of Strete a yard and two nails and a half of cloth of gold, for a vestment. William Benyngfeld, Rose Benynfeld, Isabella Barry. To the herymete of Curte of Strete, VI *s.* VIII *d.* Nicholas Benynfeld.

Proved at Canterbury 5th Oct. 1528.

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[1] Apparently her grandson Thomas Arundel of Wardour, second son of John Arundel, by Eleanor her daughter; from which Thomas Arundel the present Lord Arundel of Wardour is descended.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 781, and a MS. note.

SIR EDWARD KNYVET, KNT.

In the name of God, Amen, &c. I, Edward Knyvet, Knight[1], being hole of mind and in good remembrance God be praysed the XXII day of October, in ye yer of our Lord God M.CCCCCXXVIIIIth and in the XX yer of our sovereyne Lord King Hendry the VIII mak my testament and last will in this manner as folowythe. First, I bequethe my sowle to Allmighty God, to our blyssd Lady, and to all the Holy Compeney of Hevyne, and my body to be buryed in the Monasterye of our blyssed Lady of Wymondham befor the hye ault' bye the new work ther done, mad, and set by me, wher I will a stone of marbyll be laid upon my said body, uppon the wiche stone I will a scochyeon with my arms be sett at the foot thereof, so yt the prest and other ministers of the hye masse, shall dayly, sitting in the said new wark, after the Epistylle of the Mass, where I requer them, in the name of God, and in the way of charytye, yt they, in the tyme so sitting, shall dayly say for my sowle, and for the sowle of my father Sir William Knyvet, Knight, and Dame Jane his wyfe, my mother, this psalm *De Profundis*, with the p'ces and orisons of the same, and for this memory perpetually to be done, I will and bequeath to the Abbot and Convent of the said Monastery XL *l.* to be bestowed upon the buylding and repa'cons of and in the said Monastery, with this condic'on, that the said Abbot and Convent, for ye tyme being bye ye sufficient deed shall bynd themselfs and ther successors to ye p'formance of the premysses, according as it shall be reasonably devysed by my executors, or by ther councell lernyd, provided allway that as moche money as hath byn spendyd and bestowyd upon the new wark aforesaid, shall be part of the some of the

[1] Son and heir of William Knyvet, Esq. whose will is inserted in p. 547, which William is there erroneously called "grandson of Sir *William* Knyvet," instead of grandson of Sir *John* Knyvet.

said XL *l.* and yt my executors shall be dischargyd thereof, and the residew of the said some to be paid to the said Abbot and Convent and their successors within II yers next after my discease, so yt the said Abbot and Convent within ye said II yers shall be bound by the deed suffycient mad and delyvered to myn executours in manner and form as it is aforesaid, to and for the p'formance of the same. Also I will and bequethe to the Abbot at that tyme beyng in the said Monastery XX *s.* and to every monk of the same Monastery being a priest VI *s.* VIII *d.* and to every monk there being no prest III *s.* IV *d.* Also I will that my executors, in as convenient tyme as may be after my decease, pay my debts, and also yt they mak restitution to every person that can prove sufficiently and evidently any injuries or wrongs by me done to them. Item, I will that Dawne Thomas Thackxsted, Monk and Sellerer of the said Monastery, shall pray for my soule and for ye souls of my said father and mother, and my anycetours soules by the space of ten yers next, and immediately after my decease havyng to his yerly wages and stypend fyve marks. Item, I will yt my executours shall fynd and bryng upp yong Antony Knyvet, my nevew, the son of my late brother Charles Knyvet, decessyd, so long as eny of my goods shall remayne in the hands rule of my executors or the executors of them. Item, I will that Dame Ann, my wyff, shall have all such moveables and goods as she brought unto me of her owne, now being in my possession, except my debts to me owing, my ready money, my silver plate, and my cattell, as my oxen and my mylche neate, wherof I will the said Dame Ann, my wyffe, shall have XII mylche neat and one bull. Item, I will that Dame Ann, my wyff, shall have moitie of all my moveable goods, and I will the rest of the moitie, with all my said debts and redy money be to my executors, to ye p'formans of this my last will and testament. And I will that all my said silver plate being gylt or p'cell gilt, and all my said cattel, except the XII mylche neat and one bull gevyne to Dame Ann, my wyffe, be sold by mine executors, to the p'formance of this my last will and testament, except of my said plate I give to Dame Ann, my wiff, one bason and one

ewer, and one boll covered all wight, and also one salt with the cover gilt, one goblet with the cover gilt, and one doson silver spons. Item, I give unto Thomas May, my servant, five marks. Item, I give unto John Havel, my servant, five marks. Item, I will yt every one of my servants, being in wages at the time of my deth, yt my executors shall pay to every one of them yr wages at the time to them due; and over yt I give and bequeath to every one of my servants an hole yers wagis, to be paid to every one of them within a month next after my decese, and in yt time also mete and drink within my place, and after ye said month be expired every one of them to provyd new masters, and to avoyd my place and service.

This is the last will of me ye said Sir Edward Knyvet, Knight, mad and dated the day and yer abovesaid, of all my manors, lands, and tenements, with the appurtenances, revoking and renownsing by the sam all other former wylls by me mad, and to declar my will in this manner and wise ensuyng. That is to say, where Sir Robert Drury, Knight, Sir Thomas Bedingfield, Knight, Sir Roger Townsehend, Knight, Thomas Le Strange, Edmund Wyndham, and Edward Chamberlyn, Esquires, stand and be seased in the demeane as of fee, of and in II parts of the manor of Grishaugh, in three parts devided, with ye appurtenances, in ye county of Norfolk, and of and in all other my lands and tenements in Wimondham, Crownthorp, Morley, Asswellthorpe, Fundenhall, Besthorpe, Wramlingham, Melton, Colton, and Wakton, in the said county, which they recovered against me, the said Edward by the name of II parts of the manor of Gryshaughe, in thre parts devided, and three hundred meases, two thousand acres of lond, two hundred acres of medow, a thousand acres of pasture, two hundred acres of wood, a thousand acres of moore, three hundred acres of heth and lyng, and twenty pounds of rent, with their appurtenances, in Wymondham, Crownthorp, &c. aforesaid, as by the said recovery remaynyng of record before ye King's Justices of his Comen Benche more playnly doth apper, which foresaid recovery was had and done to the use of me the said Edward, and of my

heirs, to and for the accomplishment and p'formance of the last wyll of me the said Sir Edward; by virtue whereof I, the said Sir Edward, will and declare that ye said Sir Robert Drurye, and other the said recoverers, whiche now stand and be of the pr'misses, that they and their heirs shall stond and be seasid, after the death of me ye said Sir Edward, of and in londs and tenements, rents and services, p'cell of the said II parts of the manor of Gryshaughe, and other ye p'misses, to the cler yerly value of ten pounds by ye yer, over and above all charges and re'pes to be readyvyded in sev'alte from ye residew, to ye use of my sister Anne Clyfford[1], for term of her lyfe. Also I will yt the said recoverers, and their heirs, shall stond and be seased of and in other londs and tenements, rents, and services, p'cell of the residew of the said II parts of the manor of Gryshaugh, and other ye premisses, to ye cler yearly value of other ten pounds by yer, over and above all charges and reprises, &c. I will that the said Sir Robert Drury, and other the said recoverers, shall stand seased of the said II parts of the manor of Gryshaugh, to ye only use and behoof of Dame Ann, my wife, as long as she will lyve sole and not maried, upon condition that she will, within one quarter of a year next after my death, by her sufficient and lawful dede in the law, release to my feoffees all her interest and tytle of dowry, which the said Dame Ann, my wife, hath in the said lands appointed to the said Ann Clyfford, &c. Also, I will that if my said wife fortune to decease within ten yeres next after my death, or if she perform not the said condition, or if she do marye and take a husband, that then the said Sir Robert Drury, &c. shall stand seased of the said II parts of the said manor, &c. untyl such tyme yt they receive from the issues and

[1] She was the widow of Charles Clifford, Esquire, son of Roger Clifford (younger son of Thomas Lord De Clifford, by Joan, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacre of Gillesland), by Joan, daughter of Thomas Courtenay and sister and heir of Thomas Courtenay Earls of Devon.

profits of the same ye sum of cc marks; and of the said sum of cc marks, so by them levied, I will and bequeath unto my nece Elizabeth Knyvet, daughter of my brother Charles Knyvet, a c marks towards the preferment of hir marriage, iff she be maryed by the advyse of my especiall good lady the Duchess of Norffolk, with whom the said Elizabeth is in service, as also by the advyce of such other as hir grace will appoint; and if she be maryed without yt advice and counsell, then I will yt the said sum of c marks be disposed by mine executors in dedes of charite. And over this I will yt the residew of the sayd sum of cc marks shall be disposed by mine executors to ye poor people, and specially to the poor tenants and inhabitants of Wymondham, Bokenham, and Tybenham. And of this my testament and last will I, the said Sir Edward Knyvet, Knight, mak and ordeyn myn executors Edward Chamberlayn, Esquire, and Maister John Deye, Clerk, and Richard Bannyard, and to be supervisor of the same I will and desyer Sir Roger Townshende, Knyght, and for a remembrance I give and bequeath unto the said Sir Roger my gilt goblett with the croune upon the cover; and to the said Edward Chamberlayne I give for his labour c s. and to the said Mastir John Drye, Clerk, v marks, and unto the said Richard Bannyard v marks. Item, wher I was minded to have a secular priest to sing and pray for my soule, and for the soule of my ancestors, having to his yerly stipend and wages x marks, now I will that D. Thomas Thaxsthed, monk and sellerer of ye Monastery of Wymondham, shall sing and pray for my soule, and the souls of my father and mother, and mine ancycestors souls, by the space of ten yers next and mediately after my decease, having to his yerly stipend v marks; and ye other five marks, residew of the aforesaid ten marks, to hellp towards finding and bringing up of young Anthony Knyvet, my nephew, the son of my late brother Charles Knyvet, deceased, as long as any of my goods shall remayne in ye hands or rule of myne executors. Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Mason, my servant, five marks. Item, I give and bequeath to John

Havell, my servant, five marks. These witness, John Symonds, Priest, John Cressen, and others.

Proved at Norwich, 10th December, 1528.

JOHN AT WOODE.

John at Woode, of Holyngborne. My body to be buried in the Church-yard there. Benet Hawkins, my wife's daughter. I will that Agnes, my wife, shall have all my lands and tenements in Holyngborne for life, according to her jointure; remainder to my three sons, Richard, Robert, and Christopher, in tail. To John, my eldest son, the messuage I dwell in, and all my other lands and tenements in Kent, in fee for ever; and if either of the said Richard, Robert, or Christopher, shall die without issue lawful, I will that the lands so devised to them shall come to my son John; remainder of all my lands to my own right heirs. Johan, my daughter.

Proved at Canterbury 28th July, 1528.

SIR THOMAS LOVELL, K. G.

Thomas Lovell, Knight of the Garter [1], 10th December 14 Henry VIII. 1522. My body to be buried within the

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[1] The 254th Knight of the Garter. In 1485 he was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer for life, and had an annuity of XL marks per annum settled on him as Esquire of the King's body; he was knighted at the battle of Stoke in 1487, and in 1502 was appointed Treasurer of the Household, and nominated a member of the Privy Council. In consequence of the great trust reposed in him by Henry VII. he was constituted one of that monarch's executors, and was likewise one of the executors of the Countess of Rich-

Monastery of Nuns called Haliwell beside London, in a little Chapel there made by me. To my cousin Chamberlain's daughter, married to John Dethick XL *l.*; to Dorothy Hansard, to her marriage C *l.*; Item, I give to enrich William Husey, John Fitz-Lewis, Anthony Gorney, and John Billesby, which have married my brother Sir Robert Lovell's daughters C *l.* towards the finding their children to school and marriage of them; I will that Thomas Maners, now Lord Roos, have my manor place I now dwell in at Enfield, called Elsinge, in Middlesex, and all my manors and lands in the parish of Enfield, to him and his heirs male, remainder to Oliver Maners, Knight, brother to the said Lord Roos; remainder to Richard Maners, brother to the said Oliver; remainder to the right heirs of the said Thomas Lord Roos; Item, I will that the said Thomas Lord Roos have all my lands in the town and fields of Chichester, in Sussex, in the towns of Andover and Basingstoke, Nether Wallop, Buckland, Over Wallop, and Broughton, in the Counties of Wilts and Southampton, and in the town and fields of Leigham, in Suffolk, with remainder as is abovesaid, with all my lands in the town and

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mond, Henry's mother. He was elected a Knight of the Garter and appointed Constable of the Tower, Surveyor of the Court of Wards, and became Steward and Marshall of the Wards to Henry VIII. Amongst his works of piety he rebuilt the nunnery of Haliwell, Shoreditch, and distinguished himself by other acts of munificence. In the will of George Manners Lord Roos, p. 528, that nobleman calls Sir Thomas his *uncle*, but it is there remarked, that there does not appear to have been any relationship between them which could account for the appellation; it is manifest, however, that the testator was in some way connected with the house of Manners, and which strengthens the conjecture stated in a note to p. 529, that he was uncle to Elizabeth Lovel, daughter of Sir Robert Lovel, Knight, the first wife of Thomas Manners Lord Roos, mentioned in this will. Sir Thomas Lovell died at his house of Elsyngs at Enfield 25th May 1524, according to Buswell's Knights of the Garter, but according to the note to Nichols's Royal Wills, p. 366, in 1528, and which is supported by the date of the probate, and was buried in the nunnery of Haliwell, conformable to the directions in his will: it would appear that he had no issue.

fields in Coysalis and Fordham, in Cambridgeshire; to my cousin Francis Lovell, all my manors and lordships in Est Harlinge, Bridgeham, Knotsale, Brunsell, Chohell, Bochamwell, Ashfields in Bochamwell, Fernham, Wyeonhall, Wratton, Denver, Tyringtonby, Tilney, Syd, St. Giles, Sporle, and Palgrave, in Norfolk and Suffolk, and my manors, lordships, and lands in Burghwell, Badlingham, Harston, and Upwarre, in Cambridgeshire; my manors and lands in Wolley in Kent, my manor of Ruyall in Rutlandshire, my manors, lordships, and lands, in Broughton, Easthorpe, and Manby in Lincolnshire; my farms of Yardley and Waltham Cross in Heretord; my lands in Iselden, Holwey, Edelmeton, and Tolenham, in Middlesex; my tenements in Sandwich, Everington, and Marsham, and the reversions of the manors of Swannynton in Kent and Mersham; my manors and lordships of Dakelington, Cockthorpe, and Dregnford, in Oxfordshire; my lands in Redlinge and Berfords, in Wiltshire, to my cousin Francis Lovell for life; remainder to the said Francis Lovell's right heirs; remainder to the next heirs of my cousin Sir Thomas Lovell, Knight. I will that after the death of my cousin Francis Lovell my manors of Lorne and Sibells in Wilburgham, and Welles in Westwickham, in the County of Cambridge, shall go to the next heir of Sir Thomas Lovell, Knight, of his body begotten; to Edward Lovell, brother to my cousin Francis Lovell, the moiety of the Castle of Bassingbourne, in the County of Cambridge, for life; remainder to my cousin Francis Lovell; remainder to the right heirs of my cousin Sir Thomas Lovell for ever; to James Oriell, son of Sir Lewis Oriell, my manors and lands in Aishwell, Tyrwell, and Hendworth, in Hertfordshire, to him and his heirs; to my cousin Francis Lovell my mansion place at Haliwell, which I dwell in, for two years.

Proved 26th September 1528.

JOHN BROKE.

John Broke the Elder, of St. James, Dover. My body to be buried in our Lady's Church there, before our Lady.

My lands in Dover, at Gateherst in Denton, and Brandred in Acrise. I bequeath my manors of Nether Hardes, the third part of the manor Trenveld, and all my lands and tenements in the parish of Denton, Bereham, and Acrise, to John, my son, and the heirs of his body, and in default of such heirs, to Alice, my wife, and Christian, daughter of Edward Monyns; and after their decease the same to be sold, and of the money coming from the same I will that XL*l.* be bestowed in the Church of St. James, Dover, on a suit of vestments complete; XX*l.* to the Maison Dieu; VI*l.* XIIII*s.* IV*d.* in the Church of Netherhardres, in some vestments or honourments in the Chapel of St. James there, that I may be prayed for in each of them for ever. If Christopher Hales will buy my manor of Nether Hardres, I will that he shall have it X marks cheaper than any other. Whereas there is an agreement between me and Edward Monyns, Esquire, that John, my son, shall marry Christian, his daughter, with C marks portion.

Proved at Canterbury, 25th February, 1529[1].

THOMAS TRETHURFFE, ESQUIRE.

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I, Thomas Tretherffe, Esquire[2], the XXth day of September, the XXth year of King Henry the Eighth[3], being whole

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[1] Query, 1529-30?

[2] The representative of an ancient Cornish family; and, in right of his mother, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hugh Courtenay, of Boconnock, in Cornwall, Knt. he was one of the coheirs of Edward Courtenay, Marquess of Exeter, and last Earl of Devon of that family. John Vyvyan, mentioned in his Will, was the husbsnd of his eldest daughter, Elizabeth, who was eventually his coheir, and from whom Sir Richard Vyvyan, Bart. the present Knight of the Shire for the County of Cornwall, is descended. It would perhaps be difficult to explain the motive which induced the Testator to bequeath the chief part of his property to Alice, the wife of William Christopher, in a manner creditable either to his memory or her virtue.

[3] 1528.

and perfect of mind and remembrance, thanked be Almighty God, and considering that the hour of death is uncertain, and that it is necessary every good Christian man, while his reason and health endureth, to dispose himself to be in readiness to abide the mercy of Almighty God, make and ordaine this my present testament and last will in this manner and form following. First, I the said Thomas Tretherffe bequeath my soul to Almighty God, our blessed Lady St. Mary Virgin, and to all the Holy Company of Heaven; and my body to be buried, when it shall please God to call me to his mercy, in my parish Church whereat I shall fortune to depart this world; and I will that the day of my death there be said for my soul, and for all Christian souls, *placebo* and *dirige*, with masse of requiem on the morrow following. And I will that there be a trigintall of masses sung for my soul, and all Christian souls, the day of my burying, in the Church where I shall fortune to be buried, and that every of the said priests that shall sing and say dirige, and any of the said xxx masses, shall have for their salary and wages viij*d.* sterling. And I will that the day of my burying every man, woman, and child, that shall be present at my burying, and pray for my soul, have one penny sterling. And I will that the Church that I am buried in have to their rom'eis[1] box immediately after my decease x*s.* to the intent that my name may be put in the beadroll, and prayed for every Sunday in the pulpit by name, as the custom of the country is. Item, I will and bequeath to St. Martin's at Reprynne mine avowre, to the parish store vi*s.* viii*d.* sterling. Item, I will to St. Peran's store in the Sands vi*s.* viii*d.* Item, I will to St. Michael at Mount xii*d.* Item, I will to the Image of Our Lady, called Our Lady Portall, at Truro, to the use and intent of and for the reparations of the said Chapel, and of and for part of the priests' wages, there singing, and of and for the name of the said Thomas to be put upon the Beadroll of the said Chapel, xx*s.* sterling. Item, I will and bequeath all my tin-works, where-

[1] Query, if this word be correctly written: it is nearly illegible in the MS. whence this Will has been copied.

soever they be, as be within my several grounds, or in waste ground, or elsewhere within the shire of Cornwall, to Alice Christopher, the wife of William Christopher, during her life, according to my last will triplite indented, and my deeds of feoffment triplite indented, to the said will annexed, whose date beareth the xxth day of July, and the xviiith year of our Sovereign Lord King Henry the Eighth[1], as by my said will more plainly appeareth, to have and to hold to the said Alice, according to the said will, during her life; and after her decease I will and bequeath all the said tin-works to the Warders of the Shryen of St. Enoder, and their successors for ever, to the intent that the said wardens and their successors shall cause yearly my soul to be prayed for, my father and mother's souls, and all Christian souls. Also, I depute, ordaine, and constitute, by this my testament and last will, that John Chapell and William Bere, immediately after the decease of me, the said Thomas Tretherffe, and Alice, the wife of the said William Christopher, shall receive and take all the issues, profits, rents, revenues, of all and singular the dwelling-places, lands, tenements, rents, revenues, and services, with all and singular their appurtenances in Penpith, Picherine, Windesore, within the parish of St. Filye, Tradenwartha, within the parish of St. Enoder, and Nancarowe, within the parish of St. Mighell Penkevill, with the issues and profits of all my tynne-works in Whele Ankeye, Whele Flatt, Whele en duse gentill, and Whele Linna, Whele Angrovose, within the parish of St. Agnes, Whele Peyse in Elezar bonnale vine, within the parish of St. Peran, Beame, quifer[2], Penwinnas, within the parish of St. Austell, Trewilke Whele, within the parish of St. Mewan, Dogowise and Trethillan, within the parish of St. Stephen in Brannel, and St. Enoder Beanne, within the parish of St. Columb, and elsewhere within the county of Cornwall, to that use, as is expressed in my said last will tripartite indented. Also, I give to the Church of St. Enoder, to be used at the tombe, my chalice and my payre of vestments, sacred or halowed. Also, I will that after my decease my

[1] 1526. [2] Query this word? it is scarcely legible in the manuscript.

best gowne of damask be delivered to St. Enoder, and thereof a robe to be made, and so there to be used to the honor of God, of Our Ladye, and St. Enoder. Also, I will after my decease that the Churches Store of St. Columb the Nether shall have th'one halfe of my bote, with th'half of my seynne nett[1], and all things belonging to the same att Towne. And th'other half I give to Alice, the wife of the said William Christopher. And as for my goods within my doors and howse, furst, I geve to John Vyvyan, my son, to the entent that he be good to see my will performed and fulfilled, and to helpe and ayde the forenamed Alice to have and to enjoy all such things as I doo will and entend hereafter to geve her, for her great labor and paynes taken with me and my howse: first, a pott of silver, a salte of silver with a cover, a great brasen pott, a chitell[2], twoo fether-bedds, and two flock-bedds. And all the residew of my goods and stuffe within my doors and howse I geve to Alice, the wife of the said William Christopher. Also, I will that after my decease all my corne and cattell, as horses, kyne, oxen, &c. be devided between my son, John Vivian, and Ales, the wife of William Christopher. And to the entent that the said Ales may have and enjoy all such things as I have geven her, or do entend to geve her, I do constitute and ordayne them too, scil. my sonne, John Vyvyan, and Ales, the wife of the said William Christopher, mine executors, to dispose the rest of my goods to the pleasure of God, to the helthe of my sowle, and to the discharge of their conscience. And if my sonne, John Vyvyan, will not ayde and helpe her to obtayne and enjoy the forsaid gifts and bequests, I will then that the forsaid Ales, the wife of the said William Christopher, shalbe my sole and full executrix, to dispose all my goods to the pleasure of God, to the welthe of my soule, and to the discharge of her conscience. Also, I will that my cosen Nicolas Carminowe, and my cosen John Rosowyan, be overseers to see and help that this my last will and testament be fulfilled; and every of them to have

[1] "One half of his boat and sean net."

[2] Sic in the MS. but query the meaning?

for his paynes xxvi *s.* viii *d.* Item, I will that the freers of Truro have x *s.* to synge a solempne dirige and masse of requiem for my sowle, and for all Christian souls, and to ing xxx masses that contyneth Gregories trentall, for my sowle, and for all Christian souls, as shortly as they may after my decease conveniently. These witnesses, Mr. William Reskymer, Parson of Ladoke, Sir Henry Bone, Preest, and Mr. William Bere, Gentleman.

Proved in the Court of the Archdeacon of Cornwall, 26th October, 1529, and Administration was granted to the John and Alice within named*.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

William Chapman, of Paddleworth, January 12th, 1530[1]. To Henry Brokman, my brother, my best bow of ewe and my arrows; to my mother Margaret Brokman; Elizabeth my wife; to William Hogben, for life, my farm of Paddylsworth, which I have on lease of the Abbot of St. Radegondes; Thomas Chapman my son.

SIR PIERS EDGCOMB, KNIGHT.

Piers Edgcomb, Knight[2], 3d March 21 Henry VIII.

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* Harl. MSS. 597, fo. 28, 29.

[1] Query, 1530-1?

[2] The representative of an ancient Devonshire family, and the ancestor of the Right Honourable the present Earl of Mount Edgcumb; at the creation of Prince Arthur he was one of the twenty individuals who were made Knights of the Bath on the Eve of St. Andrew, 5 Henry VII. 29th November 1489; he was Sheriff of Devon 9, 10, and 13 Henry VII. and in the 2d Henry VIII. Sir Robert Willoughby de Broke, Sir John Arundel, Knight, Sir Richard Carew, Knight, and this Sir Piers Edgcomb, or any three of them, were appointed to review and array all men at arms, archers, and others, who were to accompany Sir Thomas Darcy, Knight, Captain of the Castle of Berwick, in his expedition against

1530. My body to be buried where it shall please God to dispose of it. To the parish Church of Plymouth III *l.* and I entreat the curate thereof to pray for my soul; to each of the Churches of Calstock and of Bodmin III *l.* to pray for my soul; I will that every chaplain present at my exequies and there doing service for my soul at the time of my obit and burial XII *d.*; I will that my executors cause incontinently after my decease a trentall of masses to be said for my soul in such convenient place and time as to them shall seem most expedient; also I will that they provide an honest priest to sing mass daily for my soul in the parish Church of Mewye, in the County of Devon, for the space of five years, and I bequeath to him for his salary and wages L marks; also I will that another honest priest sing for my soul in the parish Church of Calstock, in the County of Cornwall, for the space of five years, with the like salary and wages; Item, I will that my executors distribute X *l.* in penny-dole to poor folks, and cause an obit or anniversary yearly to be holden for my soul in the parish Church of Plymouth during ten years after my decease, expending in every such obit XX *s.*; to every of my household servants a year's wages; and whereas Sir John Arundel and Sir

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the Moors and Infidels, and to certify to the King and his Council, the number of men at arms, archers, &c. Sir Piers Edgcumb was in the expedition into France 5 Henry VIII. and for his distinguished gallantry at the sieges of Therouenne and Tournay, and at the battle of Spurs, he was created a Knight Banneret. He married, first, Jane, daughter and heir of Stephen Durnford, of East Stonehouse, co. Devon, by ...., daughter and heir of .... Rame, of Rame, Esq.; and secondly, Katherine, daughter of Sir John St. John, of Bletshoe, Knt. and widow of Sir Griffith Ryce, Knt. but by her, whose testament will be found in a subsequent page, he had no issue; by his first wife he had three sons, Richard, John, and James, who are named in his will, and three daughters, Elizabeth, wife of John Arundel, of Lanhearne, co. Cornwall, Esquire; Jane, wife of Sir Thomas Pomeroy, of Sandridge, co. Devon, Knight; and Agnes, who was single when her father made his will, and who probably died unmarried. Sir Piers died 14th August 31 Henry VIII. 1539, leaving Richard Edgcumb his son and heir, then forty years of age.

William Courtenay, Knights, are enfeoffed by the name of Esquires, with Andrew Hillersdon, John Wise, Thomas Tremayne, Esquires, and Stephen Trevyllian, to the use of me and the performance of my last will, and of my heirs in the honor and borough of Totness, and in the manor of Corneworth in Devonshire, by deed bearing date 3d May 12 Henry VIII.; also, whereas I have enfeoffed Andrew Hillersdon, John Wise, Thomas Tremayne, Esquires, George Tanner, and Stephen Trevyllian, in the manors of Bodringan and Wother, in Cornwall, by deed, bearing date 24th April 12 Henry VIII. for the performance of my will, I now bequeath to them the tin works in the said manors in the Counties of Devon and Cornwall, as also all my plate, &c. for the performance of my will and the payment of my debts; and after my will and testament be fully performed, my debts truly paid, and restitution made of wrongs by me done, or by my commandment, if any such be and can be proved, then I will that my said feoffees shall release all their right and title to the heirs male of my body, and that my tin works in Devonshire shall wholly remain to my son John and the heirs of his body; and my tin works in the County of Cornwall to my son James and the heirs of his body; to Dame Katherine, my wife, to her own use and behoof, all the plate in her keeping which was Sir Griffin Rice's, her late husband, with all her apparel and stuff of household left by him; and in case my son and heir do trouble or take from her any parcel of lands which I have given her in jointure, or attempt to procure to be done any thing to the least breach or accomplishment of this my will or any part thereof, or disallow any grants possessed by me either of Dame Jane, his mother's, inheritance, of my own, by indentures, copies, &c. for which upon their oaths they may prove I have made grants and am paid fines; and in case it may by any manner of due proof appear that I have taken fines of any of my tenants, of my own inheritance, or of the inheritance of Dame Jane, sometime my wife, and the parties have not their writing, according to my promise, I will and require my son and heir for the time being to make them grants ac-

Henry VIII. My body to be buried in the Chapel of Astley, in Warwickshire, near to my father. I will that my executors shall cause three honest priests to sing and pray there for my soul, and also for the souls of my father and mother, and for all Christian souls. Also, I will that my executors, with all speed and diligence, after my funeral be performed and debts paid, make and build a Chapel at Astley, according to the will of my father, with a goodly tomb over my father and mother; which being done, I will that they make another tomb, in the midst of the chancel, where I have resolved to be buried; and after that be finished, then I will that they build an almshouse for thirteen poor men there to inhabit, and to be for ever nominated by my executors during their lives, and afterwards by my heirs, each of them to receive xii *d.* a week for their maintenance, with a livery of black cotton yearly, price iv *d.* which payment I will be made out of the rents and profits of my manors of Bedworth and Pakington, and all such lands and tenements as were in the occupation of the Lord Lisle, reputed or taken as parcel of the said Lordships; the surplusage to be bestowed in repairing the said almshouse, and keeping my obit yearly. I will that Henry Brooke, schoolmaster to my son Henry, have xx *l.* per annum. To my son Edward, when he comes of age, my manors of Bedworth and Pakyngton, in Warwickshire, for life; to my son John, the manor of Bardon, in Leicestershire, for life; to my son Thomas, after the death of my sister, Ann Gray[1] (late wife to my brother, John Gray, and

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Wotton, of Bocton, in Kent, and widow of William Medley, by whom he had four sons, viz. Henry, who succeeded him in his honours, and was afterwards created Duke of Suffolk; John, of Pirgo, co. Essex, ancestor of the Earls of Stamford and Warrington; Thomas and Leonard; also three daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Lord Audley, of Walden; Katherine, of Henry Fitz-Alan, Earl of Arundel; and Anne, of Henry Willoughby, of Wollaton, co. Notts, but which marriage her father, in his will, orders to be dissolved; hence it appears it had not then been consummated.

[1] This Ann is erroneously called, in all the pedigrees of Grey, his own sister. Vide a note to the Will of the Marchioness of Dorset, in p. 631.

now wife to Richard Clement), the manor of Bosworth, in Leicestershire, for life; to my daughter Mary [1], M *l.* to her marriage; Margaret, my wife. I will that the marriage which hath been solemnized between my daughter Anne and Henry Willoughby, Esquire, son and heir-apparent of Sir Edward Willoughby, Knt. be dissolved *.

Proved 18th November, 1531.

THOMAS LORD DACRE.

Thomas Lord Dacre [2], 1st September, 1531. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of Hurst Monceaux, on the North side of the high altar. I will that a tomb be there made for placing the Sepulcre of our Lord, with all fitting furniture thereto, in honor of the most blessed sacrament. Also, I will that C *l.* be employed towards the lights about the said sepulcre, in wax-tapers of ten pounds weight each, to burn about it. Also, I will that my funeral be solemnized according to the degree of a Baron, and that a tomb be set over my grave, to the end that it may be known where my body resteth. Also, I will that an honest priest shall sing there for my soul by the space of seven years, taking annually for his salary, and to find bread, wine, and wax, XII marks sterling.

Proved 1534 †.

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[1] His natural daughter.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 721, and a MS. note.

[2] Thomas Fienes eighth Baron Dacre; he married Ann, daughter of Sir Humphrey Bourchier, and by her had Thomas, who died vita patris, leaving a son Thomas, who succeeded his grandfather in the Barony in 1534.

† From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 244.

JOHN LYTTELTON, ESQ.

John Lyttelton[1]. My body to be buried in the Church porch of the Parish Church of Halesowen, and my soul to Almyghty God, to our Lady St. Mary, and all the Holy Company of Heaven. To the said Church xxvi*s.* viii*d.*; to the Mother Church of Worcester iii*s.* iv*d.*; to the Chapel of Frankeley iii*l.* vi*s.* iv*d.*; to my son John my ring of gold, with the seal of my arms thereon; also a chalice, and all the Chapel stuff bequeathed by my grandfather unto the family of Frankley, sixteen kine, a bull and ten oxen, provided that my wife have the rule, use, and governing of the said stuff, till he come to the age of twenty-four. To my said wife all such chains of gold, jewels, rings, and all other apparel belonging to her body; to each of my servants xl*s.* over and above their wages. I will that my executor pay vi*l.* yearly to a priest, to sing daily for my soul for five years after my decease, and v*l.* yearly to Edward Street, my chaplain, to pray for my soul. To each of my daughters ccc marks for their portion; and I will that dccc marks be divided among my younger sons; together with the rents and profits of my manor of Sheriff's Naunton, alias Newenton-Beauchamp, and also of my lands in Coulesdon, Pipulton, and Upton Snodsbury*.

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[1] Ancestor of the Lords Lyttelton; he married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton, co. Worcester, by Ann, daughter and coheir of Sir William Paston, by Ann, third sister and coheir of Edmund Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, grandson of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. Collins states that he died at Frankley 17th May 1532, though he says that his will was dated 24th May, 24 Henry VIII. i. e. 1532; he left seven sons and two daughters.

* From Collins' Peerage, vol. vii. p. 437.

THOMAS LORD BERKELEY.

Thomas Berkeley[1], Knight, Lord Berkeley, Mowbray, and Segrave, 11th January 1532-3, 24 Henry VIII. I will that my body be buried without great pomp or pride, in the Parish Church of Mangollsfield, in the place where I use to kneel, under the partition between the Choir and my Chapel, and that afterwards, within a quarter of a year, it be brought to the Abbey of St. Augustine, near Bristol, and there buried, near to the body of my first wife. I will that the executors of my late brother, Maurice Lord Berkeley, pay such legacies as he gave to the Abbots of St. Augustine's, in Bristowe. To Dame Cecily, now my wife, my chain with the cross. I will that my executors find a priest to sing where my body be buried for the space of ten years; and also that they bestow XL *l.* for the making a tomb to be raised over my grave. To Katherine Rowdon, now wife of William Reede, Gentleman, L*l.* which her uncle Walter Rowdon, and her father Richard Rowdon, gave to her; to Bridget Parys, niece to my wife, XX *l.* to her marriage; to Thomas Berkeley, my son and heir; to my daughter Frances, wife to my son Morice Berkeley, CXL *l.* that is to wit, for a chain of gold which her uncle Walter Rowdon gave unto her; to my brother-in-law John Arnold, X *l.* a-year for his life. My manors of Melton Mowbray, Segrave, Cyledy, Dalby, Chaucomb, Coldo-

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[1] He succeeded his brother Maurice in the Barony of Berkeley in 1523, but was only a coheir of the Baronies of Mowbray and Segrave; he married, first, Eleanor, daughter of Sir Marmaduke Constable, by whom he had no issue; and secondly, Cecily, widow of Richard Rawdon, of the County of Gloucester, Esquire, and by her had two sons, Thomas, who succeeded to the Barony, and married, first, Mary, daughter of Joseph Hastings, first Earl of Huntingdon; and secondly, Anne, daughter of Sir John Savage; and Maurice, who married Frances, daughter of Richard Rowdon; also two daughters, Mary, wife of Sir Robert Throckmorton; and Jane, who married Sir Richard Poyntz.

verton, with the park of Coldoverton, and my manors of Moultsorrer, to Thomas Berkeley, my son and heir, and his heirs; remainder to Morice, my second son; remainder to the use of Meryall Throgmorton and Johan Poyntz, my daughters; remainder to the use of Mary Perot[1], daughter to my brother James Berkeley; remainder to my sister Anne Denys, and Lady Mary, now wife of Thomas Berkeley, my son and heir-apparent*. Proved 6th June 1533.

THOMAS FANE, GENT.

Thomas Fane, Gentleman[2], of the parish of St. Peter the Poor, of London, 31st July, 1532, 24 Henry VIII. My body to be buried where it shall please God. To my brother John Fane[3], my grey ambling mare, which I had of his gift, and my lands lying in Tunbridge, called the Vaultney; to Alice, daughter of my brother John Fane, my goddaughter. My manors, lands, and tenements in the parishes of Tunbridge, Bytborough, Leigh, Sevenoke, Ashe, and Harteley, in Kent, part of which was of the gift of John Fane, late my father, to Thomas[4], the son of me the said Thomas, and Margery James, whom I appoint to receive the profits therof, while she remains sole and unmarried, to find the said Thomas my son and Alice my

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[1] James Berkeley, the testator's brother, married Susan, daughter of .... Veale, and widow of .... Weddall, and by her left two daughters, his coheirs, viz. Mary, who married, first, Sir Thomas Perrot; and secondly, Sir Thomas Jones; and Ann, the wife of Sir William Dennis, of Derham, Knight.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 368, and a MS. note.

[2] Brother of Richard Fane, ancestor of the Earls of Westmoreland.

[3] Ancestor of the Earls of Darlington.

[4] Ancestor of Thomas Fane, of Fairlane, co. Kent, Esquire, who died unmarried in September 1692, and left his estates to Mildmay, seventh son of Vere Fane, Earl of Westmoreland.

daughter during their minority; and if the said Thomas my son die before the age of twenty-two, and not married, or without heirs, the aforesaid lands to remain to Alice his sister, remainder, failing her heirs, to Edward Garth, on condition that he pays c *l.* to the amendment of the highways about Tunbridge within five years, and to a tuneable tenor bell to the bells at Bytborough.

Proved 24th October 1532*.

JOHN LORD BERNERS.

In the name of God Amen, the 3d day of March, in the year of our Lord God 1532, I, John Bourchier, Knight, Lord Barnes[1], the King's Deputy General of the Town and Marches of Caleys, make this my present testament

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* From the abstract in Collins's Peerage, vol. iii. p. 222.

[1] John Bourchier, second Baron Berners; he married Katherine, daughter of John Howard, Duke of Norfolk, and sister of Lord Edmund Howard, whom he appoints overseer of his will; by her he had two daughters and coheirs, viz. Mary, who married Alexander Linton, Esquire, but died s. p.; and Jane, who married Edmund Knyvet, Esquire, Serjeant Porter to King Henry VIII. The testator, by Elizabeth Bakyn his concubine, had also four natural children, viz. James, who was a man at arms in Calais, and from whom the Bourchiers of Benningborough in Yorkshire are descended, Humphrey, George, and Ursula who married Sir William Sherington, Knight, but died s. p. In the 5th Henry VIII. Lord Berners was Captain of the Pioneers at the siege of Therouenne, and the next year was made Chancellor of the King's Exchequer for life, and attended Lady Mary, the King's sister, to France, on her marriage with Louis XII.; though distinguished as a soldier and a courtier he is best known to posterity by his literary acquirements; besides his translation of Froissart, he translated from the French, Spanish, and Italian, several other pieces, amongst which were the Life of Sir Arthur, an Armorican Knight; the famous Exploits of Hugh de Bordeaux; Marcus Aurelius; and the Castle of Lore. He also wrote a Book of the Duties of the Inha-

and last will, in manner and form following. First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried in the Parish Church of our Lady St. Mary the Virgin of the said town of Caleys, within the Chauncell of the same Church. Also, in most humblest manner, I beseech the King's Highness to be so good and gracious a Lord unto me as, for the D *l.* sterling that I owe unto his grace, payable in five years, to accept, after the decease of my lady my wief, the manners of Houghton, Offley, and Doxey, in the county of Stafford, to have and to hold the same maners, with the appurtenances, to his highness, his heirs and assigns, his grace paying for the same unto mine executors, over and above the said D *l.* sterling, such some of money as it shall please his highness, for and towards the performance of this my last will and testament. Also, I will that mine executors, of such goods as I shall leave unto them, do pay soche of my debts as shall appear good and true, which I have not set over in the King's books, or otherwise provided for the payment of the same. Item, I give unto Humphrey Bourchier, my son, my gown of tawny damask furred with jennets, and my coat of black velvet furred with marterns, with six pair of alman rivets complete, with splints, sallets, and all things thereunto belonging. Also, I will that all such gifts and grants of plate, goods, and stuff, as I have made and delivered unto James Bourchier, my son, and also unto Francis Hastings, Esquire, and Jane his wife, that they hold and enjoy the same. Item, I give and bequeath to the said Francis Hastings, and Jane his wife, my great tenement I dwell in in Caleys. Item, I will that my executors doe sell all such my reversion, and use of reversion, of the maner of Sende, in Wilts, of the which maner, after my decease, William Sherrington, Gentleman, and Ursula his wife, my daughter, have the use, to them and to the heirs of their two

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bitants of Calais, and a comedy, intituled, "Ite in Vineam." It does not appear in what year he was appointed Lieutenant of Calais, but he died whilst holding that important office on the 16th March, 4th Henry VIII. 1533.

bodies lawfully begotten, except x *l.* sterling by the year of the same maner, of which x *l.* sterling, after my decease, George Bourchier, my sonne, shall have the use to him, and to his heirs of his body lawfully begotten, as by indenture tripartite between them and me thereof made more plainly appear, and the money thereof coming my executors to dispose for my soul's wealth. I constitute Francis Hastings, and Robert Rolf, Recorder of Calais, my executors; to Robert x marks sterling. I make my Lord Edmund Howard, my brother, overseer of the same my present testament, to whom, my brother, I give a standing-cup of silver and gilded, weighing twenty-two ounces. Witness whereof, to this my present testament and last will, I have set my seal of arms, and subscribed my name, the day and year first above writ, in the presence of the said Lord Edmund, my brother, and Sir Edward Ringesley, Knight, High Marshal of Calais, Sir Edward Brindelyolyn, Paroche Prest of the abovesaid Church of Our Lady, our ghostly father Sir William Petons, my chaplain *.

Proved by Francis Hastings, 4th February 1533 [1].

GEORGE EARL OF HUNTINGDON.

George Earl of Huntingdon, Lord Hastings, Hungerford, Botreaux, and Molines [2], 13th June, 1534, 26 Henry VIII. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. Elyne, in Ashby de la Zouch. To that Church my best

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* From Collins' Precedents, p. 337. [1] Query, 1533-4?

[2] First Earl of Huntingdon, to which dignity he was created 8th Dec. 1529. He married Ann Stafford, daughter of Henry Duke of Buckingham, and widow of Sir Walter Herbert, Knt. By her he had Francis, who succeeded to his honors, Edward, Thomas, Henry, and William; and three daughters, Dorothy, who married Sir Richard Devereux, son and heir apparent of Walter first Viscount Hereford; Mary, who married Thomas Lord Berkeley; and Katherine. The Earl died 24th March, 35 Henry VIII. 1544.

pair of altar-cloths of crimson velvet, which are embroidered with the blessed name of Jesus; as also the copes and whole suits of vestments belonging thereto; likewise one pair of candlesticks of silver gilt; a pair of basons of silver gilt; a pair of censers of silver; a cross of silver and gilt, with a fleur-de-lis on the top, and a fleur-de-lis on either side; also one flat ship of silver gilt; and my best chalice of silver gilt; likewise my water-stock of silver gilt, with the sprinkle belonging thereto; my best pax of silver and gilt, with a crucifix, whereon are Mary and John; a pair of cruets of silver and gilt; and a sepulchre-cloth of crimson velvet, embroidered with drops of gold; likewise another suit of vestments, of white tinsell, with two copes of the same; as also a suit of vestments of crimson velvet, which has the cross embroidered thereon with acorns. To the Abbot and Convent of Repyndon, in the county of Derby, a vestment, with the tunicles and stuff thereto belonging, of black tinsel; and to the Chapel of St. Bartholomew at Kirby, in the county of Leicester, another vestment; to every gentlewoman unmarried, who has done service in the houshold to my wife within the space of six years before my decease, six pounds sterling; and I ordain that my executors shall cause a thousand masses to be said or sung, in as short a time as may be after my decease, by secular priests and others, in the county of Leicester, and other places adjoining. To Francis, my eldest son, I bequeath all my furs of sables; and I will that all the outsides of my gowns and apparel, fit for that purpose, shall be made in vestments, and delivered to poor churches within my lordships; to my daughter Dorothy a thousand pounds, to her marriage; to my daughter Katherine the like sum. I ordain that my executors, out of the revenues of my lands in Woodcote, and Burton Hastings, in the county of Warwick, shall provide two priests, to sing in the parish Church of Ashby, for the space of twenty years, for all Christian souls, with a salary of vi*l.* xiiis. iv*d.**

* From Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. III. p. 576; and Dugdale's Baronage, tom. i. p. 587.

ANNE CULPEPER.

Anne Culpeper, widow, 4th September, anno 24 Henry VIII. 1532. If I die at Canterbury, my body to be buried at the Friars Observants there; and if at Cranbrook, at the Friars of Lassenham, beside my father. Chapel of Haslerigge. To Anne Tooke, my daughter. Children of my daughter Elizabeth; to Francis, second son of Thomas Wilford; Anne, Constance, Katherine, and Mary, daughters of the said Thomas. My feoffees, Thomas Wilford, Esquire; Gervase Hendley the Elder; Walter his son; William Lynch, &c. I bequeath my lands in Newenden, Holvynden, Biddenden, or elsewhere in Kent and Sussex, to William Culpeper, my son, in tail. My late father, Harry Ager, Esquire.

HENRY HATCHE.

Henry Hatche, of Faversham, 6th May, 1533. My body to be buried in the Church of our blessed Lady there, before the Bachelor's Light. To that Church my chest bound with iron, to put the church jewels and plate into; to the Monastery of St. Saviour's there x *l.* My lands Hartye, called Elliots, Walts, and Caleys, which I bought of John Joye, of Gillingham; Richard Dryford the Elder, of Faversham, Gentleman; to Johan my wife all my lands and tenements, not before assigned by me to be sold, viz. the Flower-de-Luce and the George, at Faversham, in the town and liberty of Faversham, my lands, &c. in Hartye, and in Ikelsham, Gastling, Odemer, and Brede, in Sussex, purchased of Reynold Lewknor, of Faversham, Gentleman, for her natural life; and after her decease I will that one of the jurates, and one of the commoners of that town, be appointed by the mayor, and the more part of the jurates and some of the commonalty, to receive the rents and profits of the said premises for twenty years, and

to have for their pains, over and above their expenses, either of them xx *s.* for the first five years, they yielding yearly, before the mayor and four of his brethren, and four of the most honest and discreet commoners of the town, in the messuage where I now dwell, a true and just account; and I will that there be paid to the mayor, &c. yearly, during the said five years, to be employed by them thus, viz. xl *l.* of the said rents, for the reparation of Paryche-lane, and of the way from thence to the Key of Faversham, and x *l.* for the reparation of the common walls of the town, and xv *s.* yearly to the Observant Friars of Canterbury; after the said five years, I will that all the rents and profits of the said premises be bestowed by the advice and direction of the said mayor, &c. to the raparation and maintaining of the Haven or Cryke of Faversham, for the next nine years after the said five years be expired, the yearly account of the same to be given at the place and in the manner aforesaid; and for the next six years after the said nine are expired (being part of the said twenty years), I will that the said rents and profits shall be employed in the reparation and maintenance of the parish Church of Faversham, and the ornaments of the same, viz. xxvi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* in the buying a new payr of organs; xv *l.* in buying a new pall and hearse-cloth for the same Church; and the residue, at the discretion of the mayor and his brethren, in the making a new jewel-house, and other necessaries within the said Church. I will that, if the said mayor, &c. at any time during said twenty years, obtain the King's licence, that then, immediately after the said twenty years be ended, they shall have to them and their successors for ever all the said lands and tenements, &c. to the use and maintenance of the said haven and cryke, and highways within a mile of the said town, and maintaining the ornaments of the said parish Church. But if the said licence for amortizing the said lands and tenements cannot be obtained, then I will that they be all sold immediately after the said twenty years, and the money arising therefrom to be employed as follows: cxx *l.* toward buying a suit of coopes to the use of the said Church; xx *l.* towards

buying for it a pair of silver candlesticks; xx *l.* towards buying a pair of silver censers for it; ccxl *l.* towards the repair of the said haven or cryke; l *l.* towards the making of a new market-house in Feversham; xl *l.* for repairing the highway between Hogcross and Ewell; x *l.* for the repairing of the Church-lane; xx *l.* towards maintaining the morrow mass in the said Church; xx *l.* to be laid out in smocks and sheets for the poor of the said parish; xx *l.* to the repairing of Sondryche Church, where I was born; x *l.* to the reparation of Iklysham Church in Sussex; vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* for the same purpose to the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, in the Isle of Harty; v *l.* for the same purpose to the Church of the Monastery of St. Saviour, Faversham; v marks to every house of Observant Friars through England; v marks to the house of Black Friars in Canterbury; xl *l.* to either house of Friars in Winchelsea; xx *l.* towards the reparation of the highways from Hogg through Preston-street to Boughton; xx *l.* towards reparation of the sumpter way between St. Agnes Cross and Stone Church; x *l.* to the repair of Lynsted Church, and x *l.* to repair the footways in Lynsted; v *l.* to the repair of the Church of Ore; v *l.* to the repair of that of Luddenham; xl *s.* to the repairs of the Church of Buckland; x *l.* to that of the Chapel of Wylryngton; xxx *s.* to that of the Church of Goodwynston; x *l.* to the marriage of ten poor maidens of the parish of Lynsted, and x *l.* to the same number of Faversham; xl *s.* to each the said Mayor, &c. who should make sale of the said lands for their labour therein; and the residue of the money arising from said sale I bequeath to poor people of Faversham, at the discretion of the said mayor, brethren, and churchwardens.

Proved at Canterbury.

THOMAS SCOT, GENT.

Thomas Scotte, of Hawkhurst, Gent. 8th May 1533. My body to be buried in the Chancel of our Blessed Lady of Hawkhurst. For a tomb-stone x *l.*; Mildred my wife

Barbara and Maud my sisters; Henry Scotte my brother; Henry and Stephen Scotte my brothers' sons; my sister Webbe; John Congehurst; Robert Forsette; Henry Symon, Parson of Hawkhurst; my lands in Hawkhurst, Sandherst, Halden, Bedynden, Frytenden, Hedecorne, Goudeherst, Charyng, Wychlyng, Stallysfield, and Ottrynden; I bequeath my principal messuage of Congehurst, with its lands, and all my lands, &c. on the Dennes of Congehurst, and Great and Little Riesden, to my wife Mildred for life, and after to George my son, Venisse, and Mary, my daughters, successively, in tail male; to George, my son, all my other lands and tenements in Hawkherst and Goudherst, in the shire of Kent; I will that if all my goods and chattels moveable be not sufficient, that then my executors furnish out of the rents and profits of all my lands (except such as are devised to Mildred my wife) to build, set up, and finish my house, which now lyeth in frame, at Congehurst. Proved at Canterbury.

JOHN MARTEN.

John Marten, of Graveny, 12th September 1533. My body to be buried in the Church of All Saints there, in the Chapel of St. John Baptist. My brother Cotton; Lambert's land; my brother Richard Dryland; to my brother Robert Marten all my purchased lands in the county of Kent in tail; remainder to my brother Thomas; remainder to my brother William; remainder to my next of kin; Johan my wife. Proved at Canterbury.

SIR JOHN FOGGE, KNT.

John Fogge, of Ashettisford, Knt. November 4th, 1533. My body to be buried in the Church there; to my daughter unmarried c marks; to Bridget and Isabel, my other two daughters, now married, x *l.* each; John Goldwell and John Asherste, my godsons; I constitute William Gold-

well, my brother, and Thomas Harlakynden, my executors, and Edward Lee, Archbishop of York, overseer; I bequeath all my lands to John my son, in tail male; remainder to George and William, my sons, in like tail; remainder to my own right heirs; to my executors my tenement in Ashettisford, called the Bull, wherein my father sometime dwelt, all my lands there, and in Shadokherst, and the wood and timber on the lands I hold of the Dean and Canons of St. Stephen Westminster, to be sold, and if the produce should not be sufficient, I will that they then receive the rents of my manor of Newell's Flete, in the parish of Ash, near Sandwich; and if my son John disturbs the execution of my will, then I will that my executors sell the said manor, and apply the money arising therefrom to the purposes of my will. Proved at Canterbury.

SIR WILLIAM FITZWILLIAM, KNT.

William Fitz William the elder, of Milton, in the county of Northampton, Knight[1], 28th May 26 Henry VIII. 1534.

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[1] Ancestor of the Right Hon. the Earl Fitz-William. He was an eminent merchant of London, of which City he was Sheriff in 1506. He was likewise Alderman of Bread-street Ward, and rebuilt the greatest part of the Church of St. Andrew Undershaft at his own expence. In 1514 he served the office of Sheriff of Essex, and was Sheriff of Northamptonshire in 1521. This eminent person had been one of the retainers of Cardinal Wolsey, and is distinguished by his gratitude to his old master when in disgrace; for after the Cardinal's fall from power Sir William hospitably received at his house at Milton, to which he retired, and where it appears he was treated with that kindness which the recollection of past benefits naturally produced in a generous breast, but which formed a striking contrast to the conduct of Wolsey's former parasites. Henry the Eighth, on being informed of the manner in which his disgraced Minister had been received, interrogated Sir William Fitz-William on his daring to entertain so great an enemy to the state, and his noble reply, that he had not done so from contempt or disobedience to his Majesty, but solely from

My body to be buried in the new Chancel at Masham, in the said county of Northampton, which I have of late caused to be made and newly edificed there; and I will that my executors cause a tomb of marble to be made there with a scripture, making mention of my name, as shall be devised by my executors; and I will that wherever I happen to decease within the realm of England, my corpse be conveyed to the said Chancel of Masham. I will that my executors, without fraud and delay, cause all just debts at the time of my decease to be immediately paid, and also the expenses of my funeral, and also make such restitution to every person or persons as they can duly prove I have injured them. If I happen to decease in London I bequeath v *l.* to the five orders of friars within that city, viz. the Grey Friars, the Black Friars, Augustine Friars, White Friars, and the Crossed Friars, to the intent that they shall bring forth my corpse (if I decease there) out of the liberties of the said city, and to have in each of the said places a trental of masses; to the four orders of friars at Stamford, if they be at my burial at Masham iv *l.* they saying a trental of masses, in every of their places, for my soul and all Christian souls; to each of the parishes of St. Peter the Poor's Church, and St. Thomas the Apostle within London, and the like sum to the parish of Theydon, in the County of Essex, they saying a trental of masses as is aforesaid; to the marriages of poor maidens c *l.* sterling, to be distributed by the discretion of my executors, as well amongst my tenants within the Counties of Northampton and Essex, as within the City of London. I remit and forgive all such poor as be in my debt and not able to content the same, whose names appeareth in the seventh book of debts, under whose names I have written. "*Amore Dei Remitto;*"

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gratitude, the Cardinal having been his former master, and partly the cause of his present fortunes, so deeply impressed the Monarch with esteem for his character, that he magnanimously observed, that *he* had few such servants, and instantly knighted him, and made him one of his Privy Council. He died 9th August 1534, having been thrice married, and by his first and second wives left numerous issue.

and I will that they be in no wise troubled for the same by my executors. And whereas I have given, and executed by indentures, to my right dear and well-beloved wife, Dame Jane Fitz-William, for term of her life, the manors of Hennials, Maydells, Marshalls, and Arneways, with other lands and tenements in the County of Essex, for and in the name of her jointure; I will that she shall peaceably enjoy the same, and after to descend to Sir William Fitz-William, my eldest son. Also I bequeath to her my bason, with the ewer thereunto, of silver gilt, and D marks sterling, on condition that she suffer Robert Dormer, Esq. to enjoy the manor of Eythorpe, with the appurtenances, according to a lease made by me, the said Sir William Fitz-William, I paying her yearly C *l.* sterling, during her life, for the same manor, &c. Also I will that the said Dame Jane, my wife, shall have the possession of my mansion-house, &c. within the parish of St. Thomas the Apostle, in the City of London, during her life, while she remains a widow, on condition of paying IV *l.* per annum to my executors, which I order them to bestow yearly for the delivery of poor prisoners within the City of London, that shall be acquitted and remain for their fees. I bequeath to the poor scholars within the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge XL *l.* to be distributed by the advice of two Doctors of Divinity, and XXX *l.* amongst poor people; also, L *l.* on the making the highway between Gaynes-Park-Hall and Chigwell, in Essex; also, the like sum of L *l.* to mending the highways between Thornhaugh and Sawtrey-Chapel, in the County of Huntingdon. To the Prior and Convent of Clerkenwell, in London, X *l.* to have a dirige and mass for my soul within their monastery. Also, to the Master and Wardens of the Fellowship of Merchant Taylors, in the City of London, my best standing gilt cups with covers, for a perpetual remembrance of me, to be kept in their hall, and they to pray for my soul. I bequeath to Sir William Fitz-William, my eldest son, CCC marks sterling, with all my harness and coats of fence in my gallery-chamber; my rich briganders, my cross of gold with a ruby, set with three diamonds, on condition that he keep it as long as he liveth; likewise several pieces of

plate, and all my household-stuff, &c. at Gaynes-Park Hall, and my manor-place of Milton. Also, besides my wife's jointure, before specified, I bequeath to him my manors of Milton, Marholme, alias Marham, Etton cum Woodcroft, Butlers, Thoroldes, Mynskipes, and Gaynes-Park-Hall, and all and singular my other manors, &c. within the Counties of Northampton, Essex, and Lincoln, not by my will bequeathed; to hold to my said eldest son and heir, Sir William, for the term of eighty years, if he should so long live, and after to my grandson, William Fitz-William, and his heirs male; in default, to John Fitz-William, second son, in tail male; in default, to Brian Fitz-William, third son of my said eldest son, Sir William Fitz-William; in default, to the heirs male of the body of the said Sir William Fitz-William, their father; in default, to Richard Fitz-William, in tail male; in default, to Christopher Fitz-William; in default, to Francis Fitz-William; in default, to Thomas Fitz-William, sons of me the said Sir William Fitz-William, the elder; in default, to the daughters of me the said Sir William Fitz-William, viz. Elizabeth, Anne, Ellen, and Mary, for their lives only; and after their decease to the right heirs of the body of Sir William Fitz-William, my eldest son; in default, to the right heirs of his brothers before recited, in tail; in default, to the next heirs of me the said Sir William Fitz-William the elder. To Richard Fitz-William, my second son, I bequeath my lands at Lambourn, in the County of Essex, and all such manors, &c. specified in indentures between me the said Sir William Fitz-William, Sir John Dansie, Knt. John Cheney, and Anthony Babington, Esquires, dated the 16th of November, 20 Henry VIII.[1] to the use of the said Richard, and the heirs male of his body; in default, to William Fitz-William, his elder brother, in tail male; in default, to Christopher, Francis, and Thomas, before mentioned, my younger sons. Also, my manors of Colys, Ringstede, and Raunds, with the appurtenances, in the County of Northampton, lately bought of Robert Dormer, Esq. and of the manors of Champneys and Forsters, in Wiggington, in the County of Hertford, with

[1] Anno 1528.

the like remainders. I bequeath to Christopher Fitz-William, my third son, D marks, to purchase, lands, &c. to him, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; also, my mansion and dwelling-place, with the garden and other appurtenances, in the parish of St. Peter, in Bread-street, London, to him, and the heirs male of his body; in default, with like remainders to his brothers, as aforementioned. To Francis, my fourth son, I bequeath my manor of Fenton, in the County of Lincoln, to him and the heirs male of his body; in default, with like remainders to him and his brothers. To Thomas Fitz-William, my youngest son, I bequeath the manor of Northborough, alias Norborough, with the appurtenances, in the County of Northampton, to him and the heirs male of his body; in default, to Sir William Fitz-William, my eldest son; in default, with like remainders to his brothers before-mentioned, in tail male. I bequeath to my singular good Lord, the Earl of Wiltshire, my rich rose of diamond and rubies, beseeching him to be aiding to my executors in the performance of my will. My manor of Etton, in Northamptonshire. I constitute my executors, John Baker, Esq, Recorder of London; Anthony Cook, the younger, Esq.; Richard Waddington, my cousin; and my coussin Richard Ogle, the younger; and they to dispose of all my goods and chattels, pay my debts, legacies, and bequests; and I direct that the residue of my plate, jewels, ready money, &c. and whatsoever I have not bequeathed by this my last will, shall be divided into two parts; the one half among my children indifferently, and the other to my poor kinsfolks, and for the health and profit of my soul, according to the discretion of my executors *. Proved 5th Sept. 1534.

THOMAS OSBORNE.

Thomas Osborne [1], of Hartlesse [2]. My body to be buried in the quire of the said Church. I will that my

* From Collins' Peerage, vol. v. p. 170 et seq.

[1] Apparently of the family from which his Grace the Duke of Leeds is descended. [2] Or Harlip.

son John shall have all my lands and tenements in Hartlesse, Upchurch, and Detling, as I have delivered an estate in the same to him, as appears by a deed. Alexander and William my sons; Agnes my daughter; Agnes my wife.

Proved at Canterbury 27th April 1534.

SYMON FAGGE.

Symon Fagge[1]. My body to be buried in the Churchyard or Church of Chatham. I bequeath a taper of a pound of wax to our Lady in St. Gyles Chapel; Elizabeth my sister's daughter; I will that my lands and tenements in Smeethe be sold; Elizabeth my wife; John Coke, my sister's son. Proved May 18th, 1534, at Canterbury.

WILLIAM LORD MONTJOY.

William Blount, Knight, Lord Montjoy[2], 13th October, 1534. If I die within the Counties of Derby or Stafford, I will that my body be conveyed to the Parish Church of

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[1] Ancestor of Sir John Fagg, Baronet.

[2] Fourth Baron Montjoy, a Knight of the Garter, and a member of the Privy Council to Henry VII.; in the 1st Henry VIII. he was constituted Master of the Mint in the Tower of London, and also throughout the whole realm of England and town of Calais; he was thrice married, first, to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Say, Knight, by whom he had Gertrude, who became the wife of Henry Courtenay, Marquess of Exeter, and died in 1557; his second wife was Alice, daughter of .....; and his third, Dorothy, daughter of Henry Keble, and by her he had Charles his successor. He died in 1535.

Barton, in which parish I was born, and there buried in an arch on the South side of the same Church, near the high altar, in a tomb by me appointed to be made; but if I die in Northamptonshire, then I will that I be buried in the College of Fotheringay; if at Standon then in the Chapel there; and if in London then in the Gray Friars, where my grandfather, grandmother, my father, and the Lady Alice my wife, with other of my kindred and friends do lie; and I will that a convenient tomb be made for me, by reason that the King hath called me to the Order of the Garter[1]. Dorothy my now wife[2]; whereas Charles my son is married; John Blount, Knight, late Lord Montjoy, my father; whereas the Lady my mother lyeth in the new Abbey with Sir Thomas Montgomery[3], her last husband, I will that a better fashioned tomb be there made, with two portraitures, one of my father, the other of my brother Sir Rowland, with scriptures about the tomb; and forasmuch as Henry Keble, whose daughter I married, lieth in Aldermary Church in London, and no stone over him, and was a special benefactor to the building of the same, to the value of MM *l.* and above, I will that a stone be provided to lay over him. Whereas Lady Elizabeth, my first wife, mother unto my Lady Marquess of Exeter, lyeth in the parish church of Essenden, in Hertfordshire, and no stone upon her, as her father, Sir William Say, promised at sundry times, to have removed her, and did not, I will that there be a fair, large, and convenient stone laid over her.

Proved 11th February, 1535*.

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[1] This clause relative to the Order of the Garter is omitted in the MS. note of this will, but is copied in the text from Dugdale's Abstract.

[2] So in the MS. note, but in Dugdale's Abstract is the following passage: "Moreover he willed that if he should depart this life in London there should be a stone laid over his grave, the Lady Dorothy, and the Lady Alice, his wife, being there buried.

[3] See the will of this Sir Thomas Montgomery, p. 396; he there speaks of his wife as "Dame Low;" her name appears to have been *Lora*, but it is not stated of whom she was the daughter.

* From Dugdale's Abstract.

WILLIAM FOGGE, GENT.

William Fogge, of St. Elphe, Canterbury, Gentleman. My body to be buried in the Church of Christ Church Canterbury, beside my ancestors. To the bell ringers of said Church "for the plele and for the marking of my poole III *s.* IV *d.*;" Katharine, my wife; to Francis my son, now an infant, all my lands, to him and his heirs for ever; Master William Scott, Esquire, Master Richard Engeham, and Master John Toke, of Great Chard, my feoffees.

Proved August 1535, at Canterbury.

ROGER TWISDEN, GENT.

Roger Twisden, of Wye, Gentleman. My body to be buried in the Church of Wye. Jane my sister; William my son. Proved at Canterbury 20th February 1536[1].

ELEANOR LADY LA WARR.

Eleanor Lady La Warr[2], 10th May 1536. My body to be buried in the tomb with Thomas Lord La Warre, my late bedfellow in the Chancel of the Parish Church of Broadwater, in the county of Sussex; I will that a priest shall sing for me at Broadwater, for the space of one year, and that my executors shall give him for his wages x marks*.

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[1] Query, 1536-7?

[2] Daughter of Sir Roger Copley, of Gatton, co. Surrey, and second wife and widow of Thomas Lord La Warr, whose will is inserted in p. 605.

* Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p 141.

EDWARD GRENVILLE, ESQUIRE.

In the name of God, Amen. The 2d day of March 1536, I, Edward Grenevile, of Wotton Underwood in the county of Buckingham, Esq.[1] being in health of body and mind, and considering the uncertainty of this world, and the great affliction that now is daily, make my last will, &c. I leave my soul to God, the blessed mother, and all the company of heaven. My body to be buried within my chapel at Wotton, if it fortune me to depart there. I bequeath to the high altar at Wotton 11*d.* for unremembered tythes, and to the parish of Wotton xx *s.* I bequeath to my younger sons, Richard, George, and Ranulph, my fourth son, till they be of age, payable out of the profits arising from Burwell's manor. And to whichever of my sons is my heir, at the time of my death, and of the age of twenty-two years, I bequeath several implements of household stuff, &c. to be delivered by my wife, and other executors, if they think my heir have any towardness in him; else not to deliver the premises till he be twenty-three years old. I bequeath to my wife all my other household stuff, and also my beasts and cattle; of the which I would have, after my debts are paid, one half to be kept for my younger children, in a stock for their increase, by the advice of my wife, and other executors, until they are every one xxiii years old. The residue of my goods, chattels, &c. not bequeathed, I give to Isabel my wife, George Grenevile my brother, and Christopher Westcote, to dispose of them for the health of my soul, and my friends, and all other things, as shall be thought convenient by their discretion, whom I ordein my true and faithful executors, with full power to mynister in

[1] Ancestor of his grace the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos, K. G. He was Sheriff of the Counties of Buckingham and Bedford in 1537, and married Isabel, daughter of Thomas Denton, of Caversfield, co. Bucks, Esquire, by whom he had five sons, Edward, Richard, George, Ralph, and William; also one daughter, Mary, who died an infant. The testator died 14th April 1536.

wryting, in the forme of the law, thys my testament in part, or in all, so that they change not the matter in my will. In witness whereof I the said Edward have wrytten this will and testament with my hand *.

ELIZABETH COUNTESS OF OXFORD.

Elizabeth Countess of Oxford [1] 30th May 1537. My body to be buried in the Church of Wyvenho, by the body of my husband William, late Viscount Beaumont. And I will that my executors shall cause to be said or sung for my soul, as also for the souls of my father and mother, and for my husband's soul, two hundred masses, viz. fifty of the *Trinity*, fifty of the *Holy Ghost*, fifty of the *Five Wounds*, and fifty of *Requiem*, and to reward the sayers XII *d.* in money; to John Vere Earl of Oxford seven tappets of counterfeit arras of the story of Solomon; to my Lord Bulbeck my godson, my ring of gold, with a rose of diamonds; to the Lady Dorothy his wife a tablet of gold; to his brother Aubrey, also my godson, my ring of gold, with a sapphire ofdivers squares, and to the Countess of Surrey, his sister, a book of gold; also, to my god-daughter Elizabeth Darcy, his sister, my largest ring, with a sharp diamond, and to the Lady Anne Vere, his sister, a book of gold; to my sister Vere, my image of our Lady of Pity; to my niece Wingfield, her daughter, my ring with the five roses; to my brother Sir William Kingston, Knt. my Jesus of diamonds set in gold; to my sister, Dame Mary his wife, a bason and ewer of silver, and to my sister Jane Brewes, a bason and ewer gilt, weighing 106 ounces; to my brother Sir John St. Clere, Knt. a bason and ewer of silver gilt; to my sister, Dame Frances his wife; to Philip Paris, Esq. a bason and ewer parcel gilt, weighing 78 ounces; my nephew Henry Jerningham; to my nephew, John Brews, my cross

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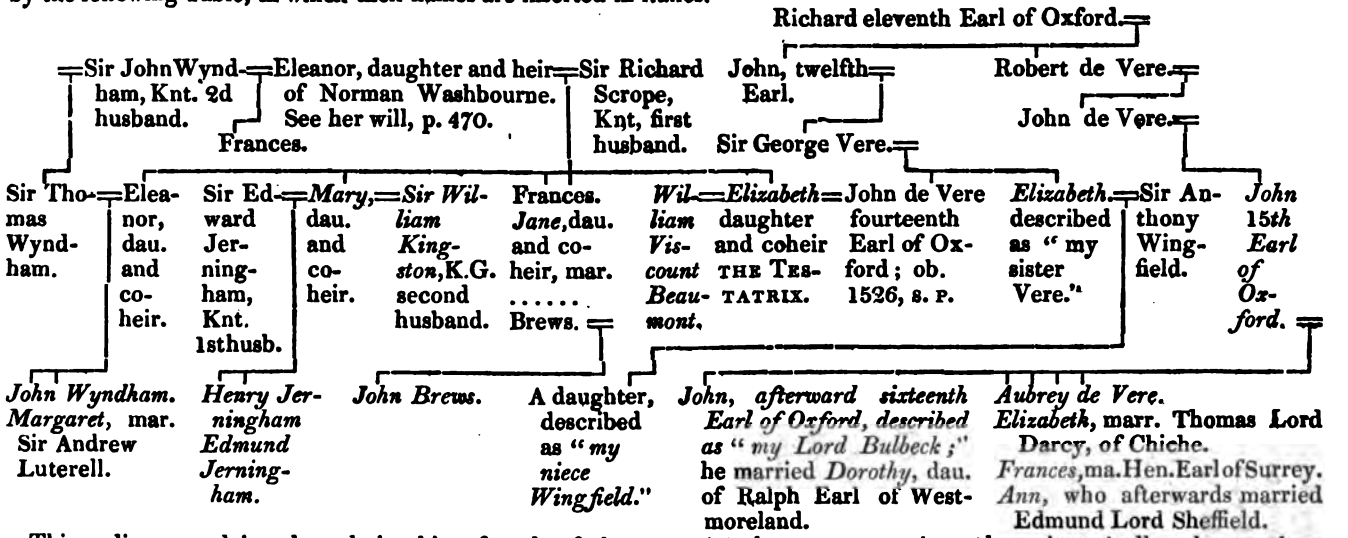
* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 244.

[1] See pedigree, next page.

Elizabeth, Countess of Oxford, was the daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Scrope, Knight, younger son of Henry Lord Scrope, of Bolton, and married, first, William Viscount Beaumont, who died in 1507; and secondly, John Vere Earl of Oxford; but died without issue by either husband. Her connection with the numerous persons named in her will is best shewn by the following Table, in which their names are inserted in italics.



This pedigree explains the relationship of each of the testatrix's legatee, excepting "her niece Audley, her nephew Edmund Audley, and her brother Sir John St. Clere and Dame Frances his wife and their children John, Giles, and Elizabeth St. Clere." The testatrix, it will be seen from the pedigree, had a sister and a half sister (daughter of Sir John Wyndham) named Frances; hence it is difficult to determine which of them married Sir John St. Clere. Who her nephew and niece Audley were has not been ascertained.

of gold; my nephew John St. Clere; my nephew Edmund Jerningham; to my niece Luttrel, my tablet of gold; my niece Audley; to my nephew, John Wyndham, a round loop of gold; to my nephew, Giles St. Clere, my godson, a cross of gold; to my niece, Elizabeth St. Clere, a beare pot of silver, and LX *l.* which her father, Sir John St. Clere, oweth me; to my nephew, Edmund Audley, a cup of silver gilt. And I institute my sister, Jane[1] Kingston, my executrix. Witness my brother, Sir William Kingston[*]; Philip Paris, Esq. Proved 6 November 1537.

GUY MACHELL, ESQ.

Guy Machell[3], of Crackenthorpe, in the county of Westmoreland, 24th October 28 Henry VIII. 1536. My body to be buried within the Church of St. Michael of Appleby; for the portion of my mortuary III *s.* IV *d.* and if that be not sufficient, I will that it be fully paid; for my tithes forgotten, my soul to be discharged of the Church XX *d.*; to my son Thomas Machell my best jack[4]; to Henry my son, my best steel coat, and best sword; to my son Edward, my other steel coat, with one other sword; to my son Leonard, one basilard[5]; to my son Guy one little sword; to my wife Margaret Machell, and to my sons Henry, Edward, Leonard, Guy, Wylfryde, Gyllys, Myghtsell, Robert, and to my daughter Anne,

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[1] So in the MS. but evidently miscopied for *Mary*, see the pedigree in the last page. [2] See his will in a subsequent page.

[*] From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 198, and a MS. note.

[3] He was of the family of Machell, of Crackenthorpe, in Appleby, supposed by the Reverend Thomas Machel, to be descended from the Catyli of the ancient Romans. He died soon after the date of his will.

[4] A kind of defensive coat armour worn by horsemen in war, of several square pieces of steel scaled fish-like, and covered over with leather. Leather doublets, being less and lighter, are called *jackets*.

[5] A poinard, or dagger.

whom I order my true executors, all my goods, &c. not before bequeathed. I will that my goods remain wholly under the rule of my wife Margaret till the youngest of my sons aforenamed comes of perfect age, and then that they be evenly divided between my wife, sons, and daughter aforenamed. I make and ordain supervisors of my will, Henry Earl of Cumberland [1], his son Lord Henry Clifford [2], and my right worshipful friend Sir Thomas Ch——, Knt. [3] Records [4] of my will Thomas Hyll, John Shepperth, Henry Nelson, with others more *.

EVERARD DIGBY.

Everard Digby. My body to be buried at Welwyn, in the county of Hants. My sisters Elizabeth and Bridget Digby †. Proved 1 August 1537.

CHRISTOPHER VILLIERS, ESQ.

Christopher Villiers. 1537. My nephews, Sir John, George, Thomas, William, and Edward Villiers, and Francis Brooksby †.

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[1] So created by Henry VIII. June 18, 1525. He married, first, Margaret, eldest daughter of George Talbot, fourth Earl of Shrewsbury; 2dly, Margaret, daughter of Henry Percy, fifth Earl of Northumberland, and died 34th Henry VIII.

[2] Knight of the Bath. He succeeded his father in 1542 as Earl of Cumberland, and married, first, Eleanor, second daughter and coheir of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk; and secondly, Anne, daughter of William Lord Dacres, of Gillesland; by whom he had George, the celebrated Earl of Cumberland, father of the Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery.

[3] Query, who? [4] Witnesses.

* Nicolson and Burn's Westm. and Cumb. vol. i. p. 348.

† Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

SIR THOMAS ENGLEFIELD, KNIGHT.

Thomas Englefield [1], Justice, 1537. My father Sir Thomas Englefield and my mother Dame Mary his wife. I will that my wife Elizabeth have Englefield for life. My sons Francis and John Englefield; my daughter Susan; my nieces Eleanor Clovell [2] and Elizabeth Young [2]; my nephew Thomas White [3]. *

JOHN KNATCHBULL.

John Knatchbull, of Lympne. Helyn my wife; Edward my son; my daughter Alys, wife of William Browning. Thomas Gardiner vicar there.

Proved at Canterbury 20th Feb. 1537.

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[1] He was Sheriff of Berkshire and Oxfordshire in the 11th Henry VIII. and having been brought up to the Bar he was called to the dignity of Serjeant at Law by the King's letters patent, dated 3d December 15 Henry VIII. at Hampton Court, when he had one hundred pounds a year granted him for life. In 1527 he was appointed one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, and received the honour of knighthood. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Throgmorton, by whom he had the issue named in his will. Elizabeth, his relict, died in 1543, as her will was proved on the 16th of February in that year. Sir Thomas deceased in 1537, and from Francis, his eldest son, the Baronets of this family are descended.

[2] Daughters of the testator's sisters, but as neither of them appear to have married persons called Clovell or Young, it may be inferred that his said nieces were then married.

[3] Son of Robert White, by Elizabeth, the testator's sister.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

NICHOLAS TUFTON, ESQ.

Nicholas Tufton[1], son and heir of William Tufton, Esq. 2 January 1537-8. My body to be buried in the Church of the Blessed Virgin of Northiam, before the altar of St. Nicolas; and I will that a stone be laid over me, with my picture thereon, and an inscription. To Isabel Cryour my daughter; to the marriages of six poor maidens in Northiam xx *s.* each; to the reparation of that Church, repairs of vestments, and other necessaries there v marks; also, I will that xx *s.* be distributed by my executors to the poor of that parish; to Nicholas Cryour, son of John Cryour, and all the other sons and daughters of the said John Cryour, by my daughter Isabel. And I constitute John Tufton, my son, to whom I bequeath all my lands, my executor*.

ELIZABETH CORNWALLIS.

Elizabeth Cornwallis[2], of Thrandeston, 30th May, 1537. My body to be buried in the Chancel of the Church of Thrandeston. And I appoint Thomas Cornwallis[3], my second son, my executor*.

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[1] Ancestor of the Earls of Thanet; he married Margaret, daughter and heir of John Hever, of Cranbroke, in Kent, Esquire, by whom he had John; Alice, the wife of Richard Sharp; and Isabel, who married John Cryour: by the inquisition taken after his death it appears that he died on the 31st December 1538, leav- John his son and heir, then nineteen years of age.

* Memorials of the Tufton family, p. 15.

[2] Widow of William Cornwallis, Esquire, whose will is inserted in p. 558, and daughter and coheir of John Stamford, Esquire.

[3] Archdeacon of Norwich.

† From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 305.

GEORGE EARL OF SHREWSBURY.

George Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Steward of the King's House[1], 21st August, 29 Henry VIII. 1537. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of Sheffield, by my late wife Dame Anne, without any ceremonies but *Dirige* on the eve, three masses, and a sermon on the morrow; and twenty-five poor men to have black gowns to carry torches at my burial; but I will that not above one hundred black gowns be given to my servants, besides the gowns to my wife's gentlewomen. Also, I will that a tomb of marble be set over my grave, with three images to be laid thereon, viz. one of myself in a mantle of the Garter, another of my first wife in her robes, and the third of Elizabeth, now my wife. I will that, immediately after my decease, my executors cause to be given to a thousand priests sixpence a piece, to say *Placebo* and *Dirige* and Mass for my soul, and all Christian souls. And I will that xxv marks in money be distributed, on the day of my burial, to such poor people as shall be thereat, to pray for my soul. To my daughter, the Countess of Northumberland, a chain of gold with white enamel. I will that three priests, for the

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[1] Fourth Earl of Shrewsbury, a Knight of the Garter, and a distinguished military commander in the reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII. He was twice married, first, to Ann, daughter of William first Lord Hastings, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, by whom he had Francis his successor, three sons, who died young, and William, afterwards Marshal of Ireland; also, five daughters, Margaret, wife of Henry Clifford, Earl of Cumberland; Elizabeth, who married William Lord Dacre, of Gillesland; Anne; Dorothy; and Mary, wife of Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Walden, of Erith, in Kent, Knight, by whom he had John, who died young, and Anne, who became the wife of his ward Peter Compton, and after his death of William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke. Dugdale states, that the Earl died 26th July 33 Henry VIII. 1541, in which case the date of the probate of his will, as given in the text from a MS. note of it, must be erroneous.

space of twenty years next after my decease, shall sing for my soul; whereof two in the Parish Church of Sheffield, at the altar where Lady Ann, late my wife, lieth, and the other in the Chapel of our blessed Lady of the Bridge in Sheffield, and that every of them have XIII marks yearly during that time. Whereas I have the custody and marriage of Peter Compton, son and heir of Sir William Compton, Knight[1], who hath the manors of Maxstocke, Great Wilford and Little Wilford, and Long Compton, in Warwickshire. Francis Lord Talbot, my son; my daughter, the Lady Dacre; George Talbot, my son[2]; William Hastings[3], my brother-in-law *.

Proved 13th January, 1538.

SIR AMIAS PAULETT, KNIGHT.

Amias Paulett, Knight[4], 1st April, 1538. My body to be buried in the Church of Cherscomb, in the county of Somerset. To the Cathedral Church of Wells, and to the

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[1] Vide the will of this Sir William Compton in p. 591.

[2] This George is not mentioned in the account of the Talbot family in Dugdale or Collins; query, if he was the testator's *grandson* George, afterwards sixth Earl of Shrewsbury?

[3] Second Lord Hastings and Baron Hungerford *jure uxoris*.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 332, and a MS. note.

[4] Ancestor of the Right honourable Earl Paulett. He was knighted for his gallantry at the battle of Newark 16th June 1487, and is well known for having placed the celebrated Cardinal Wolsey in the stocks, when the latter was a schoolmaster at Lymington, in Somersetshire, an indignity which that statesman never pardoned, and which he frequently resented when basking in the sunshine of Henry the Eighth's favour. Sir Amias Paulett was an eminent member of the Society of the Middle Temple, and on rebuilding the gate of that Inn he attempted to appease the displeasure of the powerful favourite by ornamenting that edifice with the Cardinal's cognizance and badges. He was Treasurer of the Middle Temple in 12 Henry VIII. and died in 1538.

Churches of Henton, Cherscomb, Chard, Crookhorne, Ilminster, South Peterdon, Dyniington, and the Abbey and Convent of Ford. All my lands, goods, &c. I bequeath to my son and heir, Sir Hugh Paulett, Knt. whom I make my sole executor; and I charge him to be loving to my sons John and Henry, and to help them to preferment.

Proved 25th June, 1538 *.

SIR WILLIAM PELHAM, KNT.

In the name of God, Amen. The 26th of October, the yere of our Lord God a thowsande fyve hundred thirty and eight, I, William Pelham, Knight [1], in the countie of Sussex, being hole in mynd, and of good memory, doth make and ordeyn my last will and testament, in maner and fourme following: First, I bequeth my soule to Almighty God my Creator, and to all the company of Hevyn, and my body to be buried in the chancel of Lawghton. Item, I bequeath vi*l*, xiiis. iiii*d*. for twenty sermons to be preached in Lawghton, and in the parishes thereaboute Item, I will that my three sonnes, William, Francis, and Edwarde, shall have twenty pounds sterling by the yere, during their lyves, owte of my lands, to be divided equally between them into three parts, and my wyfe to have the

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* From Collins' Abstract, vol. iv. p. 197.

[1] Ancestor of the Right Honourable the Earl of Chichester. He was knighted for his services to Henry VIII. whom he attended on 20th October 1532, at the meeting between that monarch and Francis I. near Boulogne. He died 27th October 1538, leaving by his first wife Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Carew, of Beddington, co. Surrey, Knight; Nicholas; Edward; Mary, who married .... Hawkins; Anne, wife of Sir Edward Capel; and Jane, who married Richard Dryland, of Bobbing in Kent. By his second wife, Mary, daughter of William Lord Sandys of the Vine, who survived him and married John Palmer, Esquire, he had three sons, William, who became one of the most celebrated men of his times, Francis, and Edward.

same twenty pounds every yere during the tyme of their nonage, towards their fyndinge, forthwith after my deth. Item, I bequeth a thowsande marks sterling, to be levyed upon my woods, to the marriage of my fyve daughters; that is to sey, Bryget, Margaret, Mary, Anne, and Jane, and to be divided equally between them. Item, I bequeth to every of my servants a coote. Item, I bequeth to John Devynyshe, my best geldinge. The residue of all my goodes, debts, stuffe, and substance, I geve unto Mary my wife, whom I make myn executrix of this my last will. These being witnesse, Mary my wife, Nicholas my sonne, and his wyfe, John Devynyshe, Gentilman, Sir Robert Fourde, Preest, with many other.

RICHARD FANE, ESQ.

Richard Fane, Esquire[1], 20th March, 1540. My body to be buried in the Chapel of Tudeley, in Kent, which Chapel I caused to be made. To Margaret, Elizabeth, and Anne, daughters of John Brown, who married my daughter Alice; to Katherine Fane, daughter of George Fane, my son and heir. And I constitute my well-beloved wife, Agnes, and the said George Fane, my executors. And as to the disposition of my lands, tenements, &c. I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, all such lands as I have allotted to her in certain writings; to Thomas Fane, eldest son of my son George, my lands and tenements in Hadloe, and the lands that were sometime William Carter's, when he comes to the age of seventeen years, and to the heirs of his body; in default, to remain to George, my son, and his

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[1] Next brother of Henry Fane, whose will is inserted in a former page, and immediate ancestor of the Earl of Westmoreland. He was seated at Tudeley, in Kent, and married Agnes, daughter and heir of Thomas Stidolph, by whom he had one son George Fane, and a daughter Alice, who was the wife of John Brown, Esq.

heirs; to Thomas[1], the second son of the said George, all my lands and tenements in Bethrisden and Smarden, when he comes to the age of seventeen years, and to the heirs of his body, with remainder to Thomas, the first son of the said George; in default, to the said George.

Proved 2d April, 1540*.

RICHARD BEAUMONT, ESQ.

Richard Beaumont, of Overton Quatermarshe, Esq.[2] 10th October 28 Henry VIII. 1536. To my three daughters, Albre, Dorothy, and Anne, all my moveable goods, and I will that they be ruled by my mother, Mary Beaumont, and my cousin, John Beaumont of Belgrave. Nicholas Beaumont, my son and heir apparent; Edward Beaumont my brother. Proved 19th Feb. 1538-9.

HENRY FANE, ESQ.

In the name of God, Amen. The XII day of May, in the XXV year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Henry

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[1] It appears that *both* the sons of George Fane were called *Thomas*.

* From Collins' Abstract. vol. iii. p. 223.

[2] Ancestor of the Baronets of this family; he was son and heir of William Beaumont, by Mary, daughter of Sir William Bassett, of Blore, co. Stafford. Kimber, vol. ii. p. 161, states, that he married Collett, daughter and heir of Richard Clerke, of Buckingham, (who married, secondly, William Villiers, Esquire,) and by her had Nicholas, his son and heir, and three daughters, viz. Anne, who became the wife of..... Keldon; Mary, who married..... Sharp who died S. P.; and Ethelred, the wife of Thomas Finderne, and who likewise died without issue. From the above will it would however appear that his daughters' names were *Albre, Dorothy*, and Anne. The testator died early in 1539.

VIII[1], I Henry Fane, of Hadloe, in the County of Kent, Esq.[2] declare and make my testament, in manner and form following. First, I bequeath my soul unto Almighty God; and my body to be buried as the body of a true Christian may, where it shall please God, by the discretion of my executors. Also, I bequeath to the high altar of the parish church of Hadloe, for my tythes forgotten, XIII *s.* IV *d.* and to the same Church two chalices of four pounds price; to Sir James Baynes, my chaplain, till he be provided of a benefice in perpetuity, IV marks yearly; to my brother, Richard Fane[3], my best gown; to my brother, John Fane, my second best gown. The residue of my goods and chattels I bequeath to my brethren Richard Fane and John Fane, whom I appoint my executors. And as to the disposition of my manors, lands, and tenements, first, I will that Alice my wife have the lands appointed for her jointure for term of her life; I will that my brother, John Fane, and the heirs male of his body, have all my lands, &c. lying in Great Peckham, in Kent, with remainder, in default of issue male, to Ralph Fane[4], and to the heirs male of his body; in default, to Richard Fane, my brother, remainder in default to the eldest son of John Fisher, of Hadloe, my brother-in-law; in default, to remain from one brother to another of the said Fisher's sons; in default, to Thomas Wombewell, my sister's son; in default, to remain to the next heirs of me, the said Henry, and for default, to remain to Ralph Fane and to his heirs for ever. Also, my will is, that immediately after my decease, the manor place that I dwell in, with all the lands thereto adjoining, shall remain to Ralph Fane, and the heirs male of his body, so that he do not suffer a recovery to be had against him thereof, or sell

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[1] Anno 1533.

[2] Son and heir of Henry Fane, whose will is inserted in p. 391. He was Sheriff of Kent in 23 Henry VII. and married Alice, sister of John Fisher, Esquire, but died without issue.

[3] From whom the Right Honourable the Earl of Westmoreland is descended.

[4] It does not appear what relation this Ralph was to the testator.

any of the lands whereof he hath a possibility to retain by this my last will. And also I will, that the profits shall be employed to the finding of my brother John Fane's children, that is to say, to Henry Fane and Richard, his sons; and after their decease, without heirs male of their bodies, the said lands to be entailed as is above recited. Also, I will that after the decease of Alice my wife, my brother, John Fane, shall have all the lands of her jointure, and to the heirs male of his body; in default, to the said Ralph Fane and his heirs male; in default from heir to heir as before entailed; in default, to the said Ralph and his heirs for ever. So that my intent and meaning is, that Ralph Fane shall have all my lands in Hadloe and Capel; my brother, John Fane, all my lands and tenements in Great Peckham and Tunbridge; and to be entailed to every of them, as is before recited. Proved 7th June 1538 *.

ELIZABETH LADY FINEUX.

Dame Elizabeth Fineux, widow, 21st May, 1539. My body to be buried in the Church of Herne, in the high Quire, and in the South side of the high Altar. To the works of the said Church v *l.*; to Master Nicholas Rydley, Vicar of Herne, iv marks; my son, William Fineux; my godson, John Fineux; my god-daughters, Elizabeth Pylborow and Elizabeth Sonds, Margery Sonds, Elizabeth Dryland; my brother, Sir William Paston; my daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jane Roper; Elizabeth, one of the daughters of William Roper, Esq.; Sir William Bonker, parson of Tunstall; William, son of John Dygges, Esq. late of Berham. Proved at Canterbury.

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* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. iii. p. 221.

EDMUND LORD BRAY.

Edmund Bray, Knight, Lord Bray [1], 18th October 1539. My body to be buried at Chelsea, beside the sepulture of John Bray, Esq. my father; and I constitute the Lady Jane, now my wife, my executrix.

Proved 12th March 1540 [2].

THOMAS MARTYN, GENT.

Thomas Martyn, Gent. My body to be buried in Hernehill Church; my wife Elianor, and my brother William See; my brothers, Robert and William Martyn; William Marshall, vicar.

Proved at Canterbury 15th April 1539.

WILLIAM TWISDEN.

William Twisden, of Great Chart. My body to be buried in the Church of Chart. To be bestowed on the steeple of the Church xx nobles; to my sister Hawker; to my sister Alys; to Christopher Blenchyden, the woods I lately purchased at Bethersden; William Sharpe, of Chart; my cousin, of Wye; Nicholas Toke; Maister Goldwell; my cousin, Thomas Twisden; Cheyne Mayle, my godson; my cousin Woodward; my sister Fynch; Master Thomas Mayle; Master Walter Mayle.

Proved at Canterbury 20th Nov. 1539.

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[1] First Lord Bray. It would appear that he had two wives, but Dugdale merely notices Jane, daughter and heir of Richard Haliwell, by .... daughter and heir of John Norbury, by whom he had John his successor in the Barony, and seven daughters.

[2] Dugdale says, that his will was proved 12 *June* following the date of his will.

HENRY ARUNDELL, CLERK.

Syr Henry Arundell, one of the Prestes of the Almery in Christ Church. My body to be buried in the church-yard of Christ Church. Syr Humphry Garth, parson of St. Mildred in Canterbury.

Proved at Canterbury 29th Oct. 1540.

ROBERT[1] BELLASIS.

Robert Bellasis[1]. My body to be buried in "terr' sanctu'." To my wife Margery cc marks; to my son and heir William Bellasis my plate at Henknowle as an heir loom, and my lands at Rickenhall; I bequeath the parsonage of Letham to the use of my son Richard; my son Anthony Bellasis; my daughters Margaret and Jane Bellasis; my brother Doctor Bellasis[2]; my sisters[3] Smith and Hutton; and my sister Kirkham's son John. Proved 31st July 1540*.

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[1] In Collins' Peerage, vol. v. p. 353, his baptismal name is said to have been *Richard*. He was the son and heir of Thomas Belasyse, by his second wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Lancelot Thirkeld, and on the 4th March 1527-8 the testator was constituted Constable of the Castle of Durham for life, and he was also a member of the Council of the North on its first establishment. He died 26th March 1540, leaving by Margery his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Errington, of Cokel and Horton, Esquire, several children. William, his eldest son, was the ancestor of the Earls and Viscounts Fauconberg, which title became extinct in 1815.

[2] Anthony Bellasis, LL.D. and Master in Chancery, and, although a layman, likewise Archdeacon of Colchester and Prebendary of Westminster and Lincoln; he died in 1552.

[3] The only sisters attributed to the testator by Collins are Elizabeth, wife of William Clervaux, of Croft, co. York, Esquire; and Margaret, of Anthony Smith, of Kelton, Esquire; his sisters Sutton and Kerham were possibly his wife's sisters, or one of his own sisters might have married twice.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

SIR RALPH LANE, KNT.

Ralph Lane, of Hogshaw, in the county of Bucks. My body to be there buried. Maud my wife; my uncle George Lane; my uncle Ralph Lane, who has the manor of Clendon, in the county of Northampton.

Proved 17th November 1540 *.

SIR EVERARD DIGBY, KNT.

Everard Digby, of Stoke, Knight [1]. My wife Margery; my eldest son Kenelm; my son Anthony Digby, and Katherine my daughter. Proved 1540 *.

SIR JOHN TYRRELL.

John Tyrell, of Little Warley, in the County of Essex, Knt. 20 February 22 Hen. VIII. 1531. My body to be buried in the chancel of the Church of Little Warley; and I will, that a stone be put over me, as my father, Humphrey Tyrell, lyeth in East Thorndon Church. To my daughter Frywith, to her marriage, or living sole, c marks; to Stephen, Morris, and Humphrey, my sons, v marks

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[1] Apparently Sir Everard Digby, of *Drystoke*, co. Rutland, who was Sheriff of Rutland in 1513, 1518, 1528, and 1532, and of Leicester and Warwick in 1521, and who, according to Collins, ed. 1779, vol. viii. p. 243, married *Mary*, daughter of Sir John Heydon, and by her had Kenelm Digby, of Drystoke, Esquire. This Sir Everard died 11th April 1540, and is buried in the chancel of Drystoke Church, under a handsome tomb, on which is the following inscription:

Hic jacet Everardus Digby, Miles, qui obiit undecimo die Aprilis, anno Domini MCCCCCXL cujus animæ propitietur Deus. Amen.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

yearly, out of Thorndon Hall, for life; to my son Ralph, when he comes to the age of twenty-one years; to my son William XLs. yearly, immediately after my decease; to Mary, sometime a nun at Barking, a ring with a saphire; to Elizabeth Hopton, my wife's daughter, provided she gives no trouble to my executors about the will of her father, John Hopton; to Dame Ann Tyrell, my wife; William Wourtington, my son-in-law. And I constitute Margaret Tyrell, my daughter, John Tyrell, my son and heir, Humphrey Tyrell, my brother, and Anthony Brugge, my son-in-law, my executors. Proved 19th March, 1540[1].

DAVID CICELL, ESQ.

David Cisell[2], of Stamford, in Northamptonshire[3], Esq. On the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul[4], 1535[5]. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. George, in Stamford. To Jane, my wife, all my lands in Stamford,

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[1] Query, 1540-1?

[2] Grandfather of William Cecil, the first and celebrated Lord Burleigh; he was the younger son of Philip Sicelt, and having purchased a good estate in Lincolnshire in 22 Henry VII. founded a chauntry in St. George's Church in Stamford, and in 3 Henry VIII. was constituted Water Bailiff of Wittlesey Mere, in Huntingdonshire, and Keeper of the Swans there, and throughout all the waters and fens in the counties of Hunts, Cambridge, Lincoln, and Northampton, for thirty years; two years afterwards he was appointed one of the King's Serjeants at Arms, and having progressively risen in the royal favour, obtained grants of some importance; in 1529 he was escheator of Lincolnshire, and in the 23d Henry VIII. became Sheriff of the County of Northampton: by Jane his wife, daughter and heir of John Dichons, of Stamford, he had two sons Richard and David, and a daughter Jane, and died in 1541. Collins' Peerage, vol. iii. p. 154.

[3] Sic in the MS. note, but Collins' abstract of this will states that it was dated at Stamford in Lincolnshire; and as there is a place of that name in both counties it is difficult to say which account is right.

[4] January 25.

[5] Query, 1535-6?

Nassyngton, and elsewhere, for term of her life, and after her decease to Richard Cisell, my son and heir, and to his heirs for ever. Also I bequeath to Jane, my wife, all the plate which was her's before I married her, and twenty kine and a bull. To Richard, my eldest son, my best gown, and two complete feather beds; to Joan, my daughter, xx *l.* and one half of the household goods at Dowsby and Nassington; to David [1], my son, two complete feather beds, my black gown of cloth lined with damask, a doublet of satin, streaked, with a jacket, and my green coats; to Anthony Villiers my second best gown, my best doublet, and my velvet jacket. I will that a priest shall sing a year at St. George's Church at Stamford for my soul. The residue of my goods I bequeath to Richard Cysall, my son, to the honour of God, and for the health of my soul, after the most laudable manner that he can do or devise; and I ordain him my sole executor. Proved 16th March 1541 [2].

MARGARET COUNTESS OF KENT.

Lady Margaret Countess of Kent [3], 10th December 1540. My body to be buried in the Church of the late [4] White

[1] David my father, in the MS. abstract, but as above in Collins, which is evidently correct, as his father was named Philip.

[2] Query, 1541-2?

[3] Dugdale, in his narrative of the family of Grey Earls of Kent, gives a very imperfect account of Richard Earl of Kent, K. G. the testatrix's husband, as he merely informs us that he succeeded his father George in the 20th Henry VII. was at the siege of Therouenne 4 Henry VIII. and that having married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir William Husee, Knight, and much wasted his estate by gaming, died at the sign of the George in Lombard-street, in London, in 15 Henry VIII. s. p. and was buried in the White Friars, leaving *Margaret* his wife alive, who died in the 32d Henry VIII. and was likewise buried in the White Friars, under her husband's tombstone. If this statement be correct Margaret must have been his *second* wife.

[4] The order of White Friars, London, was suppressed 17th November 1539, and she appears to have doubted whether she might be allowed to be buried in the Church which belonged to it.

Friars in Fleet-street, London, under the tomb where Richard Earl of Kent, my late husband, lyeth, if it may be suffered. To my brother, Nicholas Waringe, a black gown; to my cousin, Robert Brooke, and his wife, a black gown. And I constitute Edward North, Esq. Treasurer of the Augmentation, and Robert Brooke, Common-serjeant of London, my executors, and Mr. Dr. Leighton, Dean of York, overseer. Proved 7th January 1540-1.

SIR RICHARD GREY, KNT.

Richard Grey, Knight[1], uncle to Henry Marquess of Dorset, 28th March 1541. I bequeath all my goods to the Lady Florence my wife. Proved 28th March 1541.

JOHN EARL OF BATH.

John Bourchier, Knight, Lord Fitzwarine[2], 20th October 1535. My body to be buried in the Church of Baunton, in the County of Devon, or in the Chapel there, where my father is buried. I will that a tomb, or stone of marble, be laid over my grave, with my picture in brass, and my arms, with the day and year of my death graven thereon. Also, I will that a hearse be placed over my grave, with tapers upon the same, burning at all times of divine service and prayers, there to be said and done for my soul at the

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[1] Younger son of Thomas first Marquess of Dorset, and uncle to Henry Grey, third Marquess of Dorset, and afterwards Duke of Suffolk. It does not appear whom the testator married, or whether he left issue.

[2] Eleventh Baron Fitzwarine; he was created Earl of Bath 9th July 1536, and died 30th April 31 Henry VIII. 1539. Dugdale states that his wife was *Cecily*, sister and heir of Henry Earl of Bridgewater, by whom he had John his son and heir, two other sons, and five daughters. If the MS. abstract be correct in stating that he made *Elizabeth* his wife his executrix he was probably twice married.

time of my burial, and that a trentall of masses be said at my month's mind; and also, another trentall on the day of my anniversary, with *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and other orisons. Also, I will that an honest secular priest shall sing mass in the said Chapel for the health of my soul, for the space of twenty years next after my decease. To my son and heir apparent, Sir John Bourchier, Knight, all my bedding, hangings, and household stuff, being at Towestock [1], in the County of Devon, with all my harness and armour; and I constitute Elizabeth my wife my executrix *.

Proved 2d June 1541.

SIR WILLIAM KINGSTON, K. G.

William Kingston, Knight of the Noble Order of the Garter [2], 26th January 1539. To my son, Anthony King-

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[1] Tavistock.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 131, and a MS. note.

[2] He was Comptroller of the Household of Henry VIII., Constable of the Tower of London, and one of that monarch's Privy Council, by whom he was employed in several embassies and other important services. Buswell, who describes him of Kingston Hall in Gloucestershire, asserts that he was Captain of the Guards to Edward VI. and that after the Duke of Somerset's fall he retired from all his employments and died in 1552. This statement is however manifestly erroneous, for as his will was proved in 1541, it is obvious that he died five years before Edward ascended the throne! The person whom Buswell mistakes for the testator was Provost Martial to the forces sent in 1547 to quell the rebellion in Cornwall, and of whom Baker relates what he terms "the bloody jest," and "merry cruelty," concerning the execution of the Mayor of Bodmin, and of a miller of that place. Baker and Buswell call the Provost Martial in question Sir *William* Kingston, but Carew, Lysons, and other historians of Cornwall, state that it was Sir *Anthony* Kingston. Carew quaintly describes the circumstance in the following words: "Sir Anthony Kingston, then Prevost Martial of the King's Army, hath left his name more memorable than commendable amongst the townsmen [of Bodmin] for causing their Mayor to erect a gallows before his

ston, six great bowls of silver; to my son-in-law, Sir Henry Jerningham, xx *l.* and a gown of black satin furred with sables, which the King gave me; to my son-in-law, Edmond Jerningham, xx *l.*; to my brother, George Kingston, towards the marriage of his daughters, xl *l*; Mary my wife; to my son Anthony my manors of Clopton and Russhe, in the County of Berks, which I purchased of Leonard Rede, Esq. Proved 5th July 1541.

FRANCIS BROWNE, ESQ.

Francis Browne, of Tolthorpe, in the county of Rutland, Esq. 1 March 32 Hen. VIII. 1541. To Beatrix my wife, ... yearly, out of my lands at Tolthorpe and Little Casterton. I will that my debts to my son Henry, and to my daughter Joan, and to all others be paid. The residue of my goods I bequeath to my younger sons, when they become twenty-four years of age. To my son and heir, Anthony, and my younger son, William Browne, out of

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own door, upon which (after having feasted Sir Anthony) himself was hanged. In like sort (say they) he trussed up a miller's man, thereby for that he presented himself in the others stead, saying he could never do his master better service. But men's tongues, readily inclined to the worst reports, have left out a part of the truth in this tale, that the rest might carry the better grace: for Sir Anthony did nothing herein as a judge, by discretion, but as an officer, by direction; and besides he gave the mayor sufficient watchwords of timely warning, and large space of respite (more than which, in regard of his own peril, he could not afford) to shift for safety, if an uneschewable destiny had not haltered him to that advancement. As for the miller's man he equalled his master in their common offence of rebellion, and therefore it deserved the praise of mercy, to spare one of the two, and not the blame of cruelty to hang one for another." It is probable that Sir Anthony Kingston, mentioned by Carew, was the son of the testator Sir William Kingston, K. G. whose will is given in the text, married Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir Richard Scrope, of Upsal, Knight, and widow of Sir Edward Jerningham, by whom it appears he had a son Anthony last mentioned.

my lands in Kyrton in Holland. Robert and Edmund, my brothers. I will, that a priest be appointed to sing for me for twenty years. If I die at Tolthorpe, I will that my body be buried at Little Casterton; but if I die in London, then I will that I be buried with my grandfather, John Pynchebeke, of Gray's Inn.

SIR GILBERT TALBOT, KNIGHT.

Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton, in the county of Worcester, Knight[1], 19th October 1542. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, of Whytechurch, in Salop, and I will that a tomb of marble be laid upon me. I will that my executors found a perpetual chauntry within the said Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, for a priest to celebrate daily service therein, and pray for my soul, and the soul of my father, Sir Gilbert Talbot, my mother's soul, and my ancestors' souls, and that he have for his wages v *l.* sterling out of my lands and tenements in Whitchurch. I will that four banners be carried at my sepulture, one of the Trinity, one of the Annunciation of our Lady, one of St. John the Evangelist, and one of St. Anthony. To every Church which my body passes a torch and III *s.* IV *d.* Whereas Sir Gilbert Talbot my father, deceased, bequeathed a gown of cloth of gold, one robe of blue velvet, used for the honourable order of the Garter, to the use of the said Chapel, one table of tim-

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[1] He was the son and heir of Sir Gilbert Talbot, Knight of the Garter; and by his first wife Anne, daughter and coheir of Sir William Paston, of Paston, in Norfolk, Knight, by Ann, sister and coheir of Edmund Beaufort Duke of Somerset, had two sons, Humphrey and Walter, who both died without issue, and three daughters, who became his coheirs, viz. Margaret, who married Sir Robert Newport, of Rushock, co. Worcester, Knight; Elizabeth, wife of Sir John Lyttleton, of Frankley. co. Worcester, Knight; and Mary, who married Sir Thomas Astley, of Patershull, co. Stafford, Knight; Sir Gilbert Talbot, the testator, was Sheriff of Worcester in the 31st Henry VIII. and died 22d October 1542.

ber for the altar in the said Chapel, one image of our Blessed Lady the Virgin, and one book lined with gold, I will that they be kept in a coffer for the use of the said Chapel. To Dame Elizabeth Talbot, my wife, all my jewels and household goods, and this half-year's rent of the lands that are her jointure by her late husband William Wynter; to Margaret Newport, wife unto Robert Newport, one of my daughters, six of my heifers, six bullocks, and a chambre; to John Littleton, Esq. one of the sons of Elizabeth Littleton, another of my daughters, a gown of russet velvet; to Humphrey Talbot, one of my sons, over and besides the manor of Langford, a gown of tawney velvet, the lease of Bauton Mills, and the lease of a dove-house in Wyche; to Walter Talbot, another of my sons, my lands in Worcestershire; to Eleanor Dudley, wife unto Geoffrey Dudley, Esq. one of my daughters, lands and rents in Feckenham; to my son Dudley, a gown of black velvet; to Margaret Talbot, another of my daughters, a bed, and fifteen kine; to Gilbert Talbot, Gilbert Asteley, Gilbert Talbot, son of Walter Talbot, and Gilbert Littleton, son of John Littelton the elder, Gilbert Littleton, son of John Littleton the younger, one of the younger of my five godsons, each xx *s.*; to my brother, Sir John Talbot, Knt. all my lease of the tenements in London, in Thames-street, within the parish of St. Peter, which I have of the lease of the Dean and Chapter of Paul's. And I constitute my brother Sir John Talbot, my son Humphrey Talbot, my executors, and my right good Lord the Bishop of Worcester[1] overseer; and for his pains I bequeath unto him two pots of silver. And, my will fulfilled, I bequeath the residue of my estate to Walter Talbot, Humphrey Talbot, and Margaret, my children. Proved 15th January 1543*.

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[1] John Bell.

* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1768, vol. ii. p. 426, and a MS. note. Collins asserts, that the will was proved 15th *June* following October 1542, but as he died on the 22d October 1549, it is more likely that it was proved in *January* 1543, as stated in the MS. note of it just cited.

THOMAS LOVETT, ESQ.

Thomas Lovett, of Astwell, in the County of Northampton, 20th November 1542. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Wassenham, under a certain stone that I bought at Bettlesden, that lay upon my wife there. Whereas Jane, now my wife, hath the third part of the manor of Astwell and Fawcote; to my sons George Lovett, and John Lovett his brother, each XL *s.*; to Amy Lovett, my son's daughter, XX *l.* to be paid at her marriage by her brother Thomas Lovett[1]. And I constitute my brother, Nicholas Lovett, the said Thomas Lovett, my cousin and heir apparent, and James Bury, my son-in-law, my executors. To William Palmer, my daughter's son, being lame, VI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.* to find him to grammar-school; to his sister, Grace Palmer, VI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.*

Proved 19th January 1542-3.

ANDREWS LORD WINDSOR.

Andrews Windsor, of Stanwell, in the County of Middlesex, Knight, Lord Windsor[2], 26th March 1543. My body to be buried in the choir of the Church of the Holy Trinity of Hounslow, in the said County of Middlesex, whether I decease within the realm of England or without, if by any reasonable means I can be conveyed thither; and to be placed between the pillars where my entire well beloved wife, Elizabeth Lady Wyndsore, lieth buried; I will that there be made a convenient tomb of freestone, with such

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[1] From the testator's describing this Thomas in another part of his will as his cousin and heir apparent, it appears that he and Amy his sister, were his grandchildren, namely, the children of his eldest son, who it is most probable died in his father's life-time.

[2] First Lord Windesore of Stanwell, and one of the most celebrated men of his times. By his wife Elizabeth, sister and coheir of Edward Blount Lord Mountjoy, he had four sons and four daughters, all of whom are named in his will.

arms, images, and scriptures, as shall be thought best by the discretion of my executors; also, I will that my son George's[1] tomb be also finished. And I desire, that my said burial be conveniently done according to my degree, with such clothing to my household servants, and such mourners as shall be appointed by my executors, and to none others. I will that, at the day of my interment, there be twenty-four torches, and four great tapers about my hearse, to be holden by twenty-eight poor men, every torch weighing sixteen pounds, and every taper containing twelve pounds, and every of the poor men, which I desire may be of the parish of Stanwell, to have VI *d.* and a gown of frize. I will, that during one month after my decease, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, with *mass of Requiem*, be said daily for me in the said Church; and that X *l.* be given to poor tenants in Stanwell and Horton. Also, I will that my executor, or next heir, keep solemnly an obit yearly in the Church of Stanwell, or in such church or parish as I shall hereafter happen to dwell in, for me, my wife, my father, mother, ancestors, and friends, and all Christian souls, on the day of the decease of my loving father, Thomas Wyndesore, Esquire, or within fourteen days of the same, for the space of fourteen years next after my decease, with as many priests and clerks as by my said father's will is directed, to be paid out of such part of the revenues and profits as shall come and grow of my manor of March Baldyngton, otherwise called Baldyngton Wyndsore, within the county of Oxford, over and above such sums of money as I have assigned for two Chauntries to be founded in the Churches of Stanwell and Dorney; for the which obit I will that the Vicar of Stanwell shall have XX *d.* and every priest assisting at *Dirige* and *mass* X *d.* and for *mass* only VI *d.*; every clerk, for *Dirige* and *mass*, VIII *d.* and for mass only IV *d.* except the clerk of Stanwell, to whom I will XX *d.* and to the bell-ringers XVI *d.* Also, I will that there be bestowed on the poor people of the parish, at every obit, one quarter of wheat, two kilderkins of beer and malmsey, and comp-

[1] His eldest son, who died in his father's life-time S. P. S.

fitts for the quire, as heretofore has been usual. I will, that all such plate and household goods as I had of my lady my mother, be left with Sir William Windsor, Knight, my son and heir apparent, or such other as shall happen to be my next heir, for the occupation of my heirs and their wives, during their lives, finding sufficient security for delivery thereof to the same heirs, when they may come to it. To my son Edmund, all my household goods, &c. in my house of Bonyorden, in Stoke-Poges in Bucks. To my son Thomas, all my bousehold goods, &c. in my chamber at London, and in my own chamber at Stanwell. To my daughters, dame Elizabeth, wife of Sir Peter Vavasor, of Spaldington in York; Anne, wife of Roger Corbet, of Morton-Corbet in Shropshire, Esq.; Edith, wife of George Ludlow, of Hill-Deverell in Wilts, Esq.; every of which I married in my life-time, and well provided for, desiring them to pray for my soul. To my sister, Margaret Windsor, late Prioress of the late monastery of Sion, an annuity of LXXX *l.* VI *s.* VIII *d.* out of my manor of Crainford, in com. Middlesex, to pray for my soul, my father and mother's souls, &c. To Sir William Windsor, my son, my chayne of gold, with a cross of diamonds and pearls; my cup of silver gilt, called the helmet; a bason and ewer of silver, with the Lady Bedyll's arms on it, and other plate, to remain to my heirs males, and to the heirs males of my brother, Sir Anthony Windsor. To Edith, daughter of the said Sir Anthony, c marks. And I direct, that if I have wronged any man, or am indebted to any, if it can be proved, that my executors recompence them. And that the will of my loving mother, dame Elizabeth Litton, and the will of my lady my wife, and of my son George Windsor, be fulfilled. I bequeath to Agnes Windsor, and Ursula, daughters of my son Thomas Windsor, c marks on their marriages, and, on their decease without issue, to Peter Windsor, Miles Windsor, and Andrew Windsor; and, in default, to my son Thomas, younger brother of Edmund. The residue of my goods, chattels, &c. my debts and legacies paid, I bequeath to my son and heir, William Windsor, Knight. And I appoint executors Sir Thomas Audley,

Knight; Lord Audley of Walden, and Lord Chancellor; Sir John Baker, Knight, Chancellor of the Tenths; Sir William Windsor, my son and heir; and my son, Edmund Windsor, Esq.; and overseers of my will, Thomas Duke of Norfolk, and my brother, Sir Anthony Windsor, Knight. And for their labour, to the Lord Chancellor, L *l.*; to Sir John Baker, XXX *l.* VI *s.* VIII *d.*; to Thomas Duke of Norfolk, XL *l.*; to my brother, Sir Anthony Windsor, X *l.*; praying them to be aiding and assisting in the execution of this my will and testament. Proved 31st July 1543*.

SIR DAVID OWEN, KNIGHT.

David Owen, Knight, 20th February, 1529. My body to be buried in the Priory of Esseborne, after the degree of a Baronet[1], that is, with helmet and sword, my coat armour, my banner, my standard, my pendant, and set over a banner of the Holy Trinity, one of Our Lady, and

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* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. iv. p. 222.

[1] Sic in the MS. but more properly Banneret. This person is by some writers considered to have been a natural son of Owen Tudor, grandfather of King Henry the Seventh, but from his ordering an obit to be kept for his *father* and *mother*, and from the dates, it would rather appear that he was the *son* of the natural son of that personage. It is certain that his second wife was Ann, sister of Walter Devereux Lord Ferrers of Chartley, afterwards created Viscount Hereford, and that by her he had issue; but in most pedigrees of that family the said Anne is said to have married Henry Lord Clifford. The first wife of Sir David Owen appears to have been Mary, daughter and coheir of John de Bohun, of Midherst, and by her he probably had Jasper Owen and Sir Henry Owen, Knight, the father of David Owen mentioned in his will. It was in all probability this Sir David Owen whose disposition in the cause of the divorce between Henry the Eighth and Katherine of Arragon is preserved in the British Museum, in the Cottonian MS. Vitellius, B. xii. f. 98. In Harl. MSS. 1597, cited in Banks' Dormant and Extinct Peerage, the pedigree stands thus:

another of St. George, borne after the order of a man of my degree, and the same to be set over my tomb in the said Priory. I will that an obit be kept yearly, the morrow for the souls of King Henry the Seventh, Edmund sometime Earl of Richmond, Jasper Duke of Bedford, my father, my mother, &c. I will that a vault of brick be made under the ground, where my body shall lye, and that a tomb be set upon the same vault, and mine image, and the image of my first wife; and I will that my tomb be new gilt and painted. Anne, my wife, sister to Walter Devereux, Lord Ferrers of Chartley; to my two daughters by my wife Anne each D marks; to Barbara, my bastard daughter, CCC marks; to my daughter Anne Hopton a standing cup of silver. I constitute Robert Norwiche, the King's Serjeant-at-Law, Sir William Fitz-William, Treasurer of the King's Household, my executors, who shall stand seised of my manor of Southwick, in Wilts, and the Chauntry there, and of my manor of Wooton, in Surrey, with the Advowson of the Church there, and the free Chapel of the same, and all my lands and tenements in Rousper and Horsham, in Sussex, with my land in Farthingston, Hallowell, and Erneley, in Northamptonshire, for my use for term of my life, remainder to Owen, my son, begotten on the body of Anne, my now wife; remainder to my second son, John Owen and the heirs male of his body; remainder to the use of my son Jasper Owen; remainder to David Owen, son of my son Sir Henry Owen,

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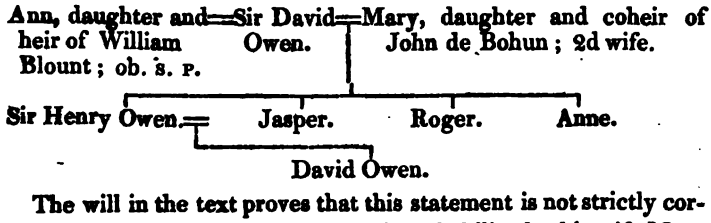

The will in the text proves that this statement is not strictly correct, unless he had *three wives;* in all probability by his wife Mary Bohun he had the children assigned him in the Harl. MSS. just referred to, and that the daughter Ann there mentioned is described in his will as his daughter *Anne Hopton.* But it is certain from his will that by his second wife Ann Devereux he had two sons, Owen Owen and John Owen, and likewise two daughters.

Knt. Such persons as are seised of my manors of Wooton and Buckby, and the moiety of the manor of Creke, late William Catesbie's, and my manor of Much Creton, called Watford Manor in Much Creton, in Northamptonshire. I will that my manor of West Corbet, in the County of Southampton, shall remain to Anne, my wife I will that such persons as are seised in my manors of Lageham, Walkhampsted, and Merdon, in Surrey, and my manor of Bodington, in Sussex, with all my lands in Bodington, Esseborne, Lynehemore, and Farnhurst, in the same County, and in the manors of Watford, in Northamptonshire, Isampsted, in Buckinghamshire, and Wolde, in Northamptonshire. To the Priory of St. Mary Overeys, where my grandmother by my second wife[1] lyeth, c*l.* for an obit there to be kept; to the daughter of my niece c*l.*

Proved 15th May, 1542.

SIR EDWARD RINGLEY, KNIGHT.

Sir Edward Ringeley, Knt. 24th July, 1543. My body to be buried in Our Lady Church, Sandwiche, in Jhesus Chapel, on the left-hand side the altar. Dame Jane, my wife; my brother, William Boys[2], and his wife, my sister; my sister Margeret; to Dame Jane, my wife, and her heirs for evermore, my great house called the King's Lodging, and both my stables, and my great garden, and a dovehouse, and my barns and houseings in St. Clement's Parish, and all my houses and lands in Chillenden which I bought of James Griggs. I will that my house called Paradyse, with all the houses and orchard belonging thereto, and a barn on the West side of the orchard called Hell Barne, and all the parcels of stuff shall be for her use and occupation during her life, and after her decease the same

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[1] Apparently Ann, daughter and sole heir of William Ferrers Lord Ferrers of Chartley, and grandmother of the testator's second wife Ann Devereux.

[2] Vide his will in a subsequent page.

to my nephew and godson, Edward Boys. Likewise, I bequeath to my said wife my lease of Jhesus House, Lydde Court, and the Parsonage of Godnestone, my cattle and household stuff at Knolton, my household stuff at Sandwich, my servants and cattle in the Downs; my brother Edward Peyton; the daughters of my brother Boys; John a Perche, my kinsman; the children, if any living, of my brother, William Ringeley; to my nephew, Edward Boys aforesaid, all my harness, bows and arrows, and also my axe, that is parcel gilt, garnished with crimson velvet, my long gilt sword, and the girdle; Thomas Boys, brother of the said Edward. I make overseer of my will the Right Rev. Father in God Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury [1], and for a remembrance of his pains I give him three gilt bolles, with a cover weighing sixty-four ounces. Witness Thomas Boys, man at arms, John Cheyne, and Bartholomew Barham, &c. Proved at Canterbury.

ROBERT UPTON.

Robert Upton, of St. Margaret, of Cliff, 15th February 1542-3.. My body to be buried in the said Church before the Crucifix. Christian Cooke, my daughter; Alice, my daughter; to Christian, my wife, my manor of Wanston, with the lands belonging to it, for life, and afterwards to Valentine my son, to whom I will all my lands and tenements lying in Westcliffe, Ringwolde, Kingsdown, and in the lordships of Walmer, in tail male; remainder to my two daughters, Christian and Alice, in tail general. I bequeath all my lands and tenements in the parish of St. Margaret and in Westcliffe, to Alice my daughter, in tail general, except my manor of Wanston, with the lands thereto belonging, and also my lands and tenements excepted in Westclyffe, before willed to Valentine my son. Felice Upton, my mother; Thomas Lilforths, vicar of St. Margaret's.

Proved at Canterbury 3d April 1543.

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[1] Thomas Cranmer.

KATHARINE COUNTESS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

Katherine Countess of Northumberland[1], 14th October, 1542. My body to be buried at Beverley, in the tomb of my late husband. To Sir Robert Gell, my chaplain, my lease at Witherfosse, to sing mass yearly for my soul and my husband's soul*.

JOHN LORD LATIMER.

John Nevill, Knight, Lord Latimer[2], 12th September, 1542. My body to be buried on the South side of Well Church, in the County of York, where my ancestors lie, if I should die in Yorkshire. I will that the Master of the Hospital and the Vicar there shall take and receive all the rents of the Parsonage of Askham-Richard, in the County of York, for the space of forty years, as also of the Parsonage of St. George's Church, in York, for the like term, therewith to find a schoolmaster at Well aforesaid during the term of forty years, for teaching of grammar, and to pray for me and all others for whom I am bound to pray. I constitute my daughter Margaret Nevill, my brother Christopher Nevill, and my cousin Constable, my executors; to John Nevill, my son, all my utensils in my house at Snape; to my daughter Margaret Nevill D marks and my lease of the parsonage of Kirkedale; to my brothers Thomas and Marmaduke Nevill each v

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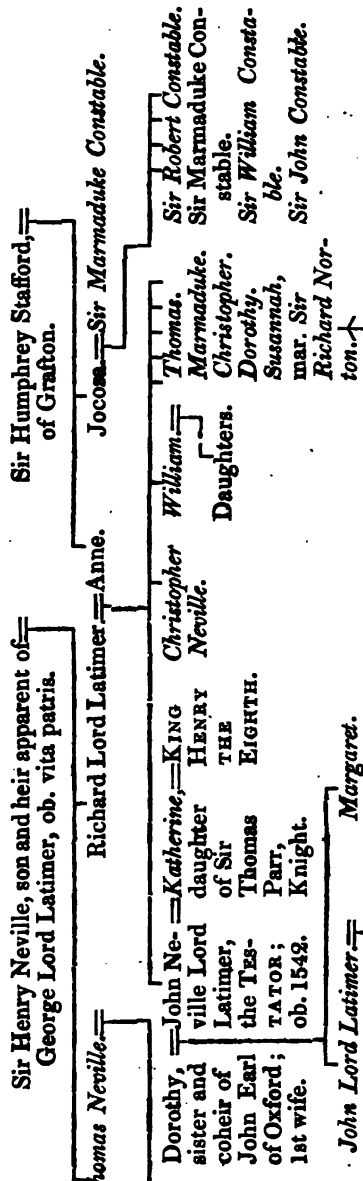
[1] She was daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Spenser, Knight, by Eleanor, daughter of Edmund, and sister and coheir of Henry Duke of Somerset, and widow of Henry Percy Earl of Northumberland.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p 283.

[2] Third Lord Latimer, of the house of Neville. His marriages issue, and relationship to the different persons mentioned in his will, are best shewn by the pedigree in the next page.


Sir Henry Neville, son and heir apparent of George Lord Latimer, ob. vita patris.
Thomas Neville.
Richard Neville.
Other issue.
Dorothy, sister and coheir of John Earl of Oxford; 1st wife.
John Neville Lord Latimer, the TESTATOR; ob. 1542.
Katherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Parr, Knight.
KING HENRY THE EIGHTH.
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Daughters.
Sir Humphrey Stafford, of Grafton.
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Dorothy.
Susannah, mar. Sir Richard Norton.
Sir Robert Constable.
Sir Marmaduke Constable.
Sir William Constable.
Sir John Constable.

marks; to my brother Richard Norton my best horse, and my sister, his wife, my best gown; to my sister Dorothy, my best broach; to my nephew, John Gascoigne, my best, save one; to my cousins, William Constable and John Constable, each a horse; to my cousin, Sir Marmaduke Constable, the elder, Knight, my younger ambling gelding; and to my cousin, Robert Constable, his son, my best mare. I will that the Lady Katherine, my wife, have my manors of Nunmonketon and Hamerton; to every younger son of my brother Sir Richard Norton XL *s. per annum;* and I bequeath all my lands in Treske, in York, to him and his heirs for ever; to Richard Nevill, son of mine uncle Thomas Nevill, IV marks yearly, what he had of my father's gift; to every one of my said uncle's children XL *s. per annum,* out of my manor and lands in Childeswyckham, in the county of Gloucester; to my nieces, my brother William Nevill's children, each XXVI *s.* VIII *d. per annum,* for their times. Proved 15th March 1542-3.

WILLIAM EARL OF ARUNDEL.

William Earl of Arundel[1], 23d January 1543, being sick at my manor of Downelay, in Sussex, bequeath all my good moveables and immoveables to Henry Lord Maltravers my son, whom, with the Lady Anne, my wife, I constitute my executors. Proved 5th March 1543.

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[1] William Fitz-Alan, seventeenth Earl of Arundel, and a Knight of the Garter. He married, first, Anne, daughter of Henry Earl of Northumberland, by whom he had Henry his successor, and two daughters, who both died unmarried. By his second wife Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Lord Willoughby de Broke, he had two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, who likewise died unmarried. The Earl died on the 23d January 1543, and was buried at Arundel.

WILLIAM EARL OF SOUTHAMPTON.

William Fitz-William, Knight of the Order of the Garter, Earl of Southampton, Lord Keeper of the King's Privy Seal, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster [1], 10th September 1542. My body to be buried in the parish Church of Midherst, in the county of Sussex, if I die within one hundred miles of it. I will that my executors build a new chapel, adjoining to the said parish Church, and that they build a tomb therein for Mabyll my wife and me, for the building whereof I bequeath D marks. Item, I give to the King's Majesty my great ship, with all her tackle, and my collar of the Garter, with my best George,

[1] He was son of Sir Thomas Fitz-William, of Aldwarke, co. York, by Lucy, daughter and coheir of John Neville, Marquess Montacute, and brother of Thomas Fitz-William, who was slain at Flodden Field; in the 2d Henry VIII. he was appointed an Esquire of the King's body, and became distinguished as a naval officer, and in the 5th Henry VIII. "being one of the chief commanders in the fleet then sent out against the French, he was sore hurt with a broad arrow in fight near Brest in Brittany," towards the end of which year he received the honour of knighthood for his services at the siege of Tournay. In the 12th Henry VIII. he was Vice Admiral of England, and three years afterwards was constituted Admiral of the English fleet. His eminent services and the favour of his sovereign combined to render his advancement to the highest honours of the state speedy and certain, and in a few years he was successively created to the dignities of which he styles himself possessed in his will. He died at Newcastle towards the end of the year 1542, being then one of the leaders of the army destined for the invasion of Scotland, and in which, Dugdale observes, notwithstanding his death, "so high an estimation continued to his memory, that to the honour thereof his standard was borne in the foreward throughout that whole expedition." He married Mabel, daughter of Henry Lord Clifford, and sister of Henry first Earl of Cumberland, but had no legitimate issue; he left, however, a natural son called Thomas Fitz-William, *alias* Fisher. The following pedigree shews the relationship of most of the persons mentioned in his will.

beset with diamonds. To Sir Thomas Wryothesley, Knight, Chief Secretary, the best of my gilt cups; to every servant that I have, man and woman, two years wages, to be paid out of the rent of such manors and lands as were my Lady Lucy Browne my mother's. To the poor within four miles of my mansion of Guildford, c *l.* I desire that the will that I have in keeping, to the use of my cousin Thomas Harvye, be delivered to him, according to the will of Sir Nicholas Harvye, his father. Whereas I have given to Mabyll Browne, daughter of my brother Sir Anthony Browne, for her advancement in marriage c *l. per annum,* going out of

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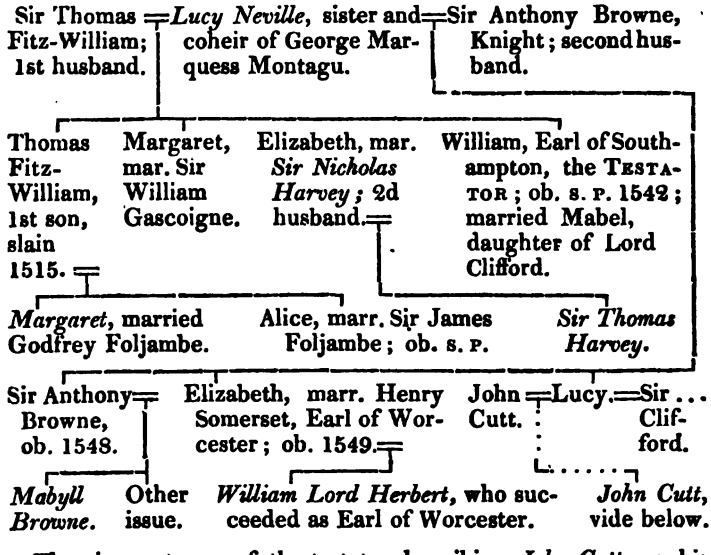

The circumstance of the testator describing *John Cutts* as his nephew merits some attention. In the will of Elizabeth Lady Scrope, p. 587-8) who was the sister of the testator's mother, dated in 1518, she speaks of her niece Lucy, daughter of her sister Lady Browne, and states that she was then married to John Cutt, but is in the pedigrees of the Browne family the said Lucy is said to have only married Sir Thomas Clifford, it was conjectured in the note to that will that the marriage with Cutt was never consummated. It would appear, however, from the Earl of Southampton speaking of a *John* Cutt as his *nephew*, that the marriage in question actually took place, and that there was issue from it.

my manors of Cowdray, Dumere, Dowgate, Shawe, and Vanburgh, and out of other lands lately appertaining to the late dissolved monastery of Waverley in Surrey, or the late priory of Essborne in Sussex, at the time of the Dissolution of them. To my cousin, Elizabeth Burgh, wife of Thomas Burgh, xx marks; to my cousin, the Lady Katherine Heneage, wife of Sir Thomas Heneage, Knight, xx *l.*; and to every one of her daughters unmarried, xx *l.*; to my nephew, John Cutts, c marks, twelve feather-beds, and all the furniture; to my nephew, William Lord Herbert, c marks; my cousin, Thomas Harvey; to my cousin Margaret Foliambe, c marks. Mr. Heneage, of the King's Privy Chamber. Proved 16th February 1542-3.

RICHARD CHAMPION, CLERK.

Richard Champyon, Preste and Prebendarie of Christ's Church, Canterbury, 20th May, 1543. To my nyce, Margery Champyon, my stuff at Eastry; to my especial good frend Mr. Dram, St. Augustine's works; to Mr. Dr. Rydlye, the Preacher, St. Ambrose, or some other like work; also, to Dr. Rydlye the Prebendarrie, "Complutens Editio," otherwise called the Spanish Bibles, or such other kind, of old amitye and friendship; which two last I appoint supervisors of my will; also, a boke to Mr. Broke and Mr. Icory, my 2 harty frends. My p'sh in London; my p'sh of Eastry; my brothers, Thomas and John Champyon. Witness, Dr. Nicholas Rydley[1] and Dr. Lancelot Rideley.

Proved at Canterbury 20th June 1543.

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[1] It was apparently this person who was afterwards Bishop of Rochester and London, and who suffered martyrdom in October 1555. This notice of so distinguished a personage, however trifling, is not without interest. The Dr. Ridley, who is described by the testator as "the Prebendary," was the person here alluded to, for Le Neve states, that Dr. Nicholas Ridley was appointed Prebendary of Canterbury in the fifth stall on its

SIR WILLIAM HOLLIS, KNT.

Sir William Hollis, Knt. and Alderman of London. To each of my three sons, Thomas, William, and Francis Hollis, lands worth M marks. To my son William lands bought of Sir Ralph Longford, and the moiety of the manor of Cromwell, bought of Sir Edmund Knivett, and the manor of Houghton, lately bought of Sir John Babington. To my son Francis the manor of Garton, in the county of York, bought of the Earl of Rutland, with my lands in St. Clement's parish, bought of Sir William Haute and Sir Thomas Elliot. To my wife Elizabeth the priory of Flecham in Norfolk, bought of Sir Richard Cromwell, alias Williams, with Yoxall, co. Stafford, with remainder to my son Francis. My daughter, Jane Weedon. And I constitute my brothers, Sir Thomas and Edward Hollis, Andrew Judd, Alderman of London, and Anthony Bonise, merchant of Lucca, my executors.

Proved 18th December 1542*.

SIR WILLIAM PICKERING, KNT.

Sir William Pickering. My body to be buried at St. Helen's, Bishopsgate. My wife Eleanor; my son, William Pickering; my daughter Anne Pickering.

Proved 6th February 1542*.

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erection in 1542, and elected Bishop of Rochester in 1547. (Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ.) Dr. Lancelot Ridley was probably nearly related to him.

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esquire.

SIR RICHARD SAPCOTS, KNT.

Sir Richard Sapcots. My body to be buried at Fotheringay. My wife Christian; my son Robert Sapcots; my daughters, Elizabeth, Thomasine, and Alice Sapcots.

Proved 4th July 1543 *.

THOMAS SKEVINGTON.

Thomas Skevington. My body to be buried at Skevington, in the county of Leicester. To my son, William Skevington, my lands in Bedfordshire, and the manor of Bildsden. My sons Francis and George Skevington *.

Proved 1544.

SIR JOHN VILLERS, KNT.

Sir John Villers, of Brooksby, in the county of Leicester. My body to be buried there. To my daughter Dorothy, the manor of Conham, in the county of Lincoln. My brothers, Edward and George Villers; my sister Wingfeld. To Thomas Villers, son of Charles, lands in Fulnetby, Lessinton, Newbell, and Swynhope, in the county of Lincoln, for life. To Alexander Villers, and Jane his wife, lands in Rotherby. Proved 31st January 1544 *.

WILLIAM PICKERING.

William Pickering, of Titchmarsh, in the county of Northampton. My body to be buried there. My father Gilbert Pickering, and my mother Elizabeth; my brother

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

Boniface Pickering; my sisters, Joan Pickering, Katherine wife of Sylvester Harness, and Agnes wife of Nicholas Abery. To my uncle Henry Pickering; my aunts, Maud Pickering, and ...., wife of William Lenton.

Proved 24th Nov. 1542*.

JOAN ROPER.

Joan Roper, widow, late wife of John Roper, Esquire [1], 36 Hen. VIII. 1544. My body to be buried in the Chapel of St. Dunstan without the walls of Canterbury, in the tomb of my late husband John Roper; to my son Christopher, my house of the Marsh in the parish of Denham. My daughter Ellen Lady Montague; Sir Edward Montague, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of England; my daughter Anne Lady Madison [2]; my daughter Elizabeth Pillaborow; my daughter, Agnes Roper, late nun at Dartford; to my son William Roper, and to the wife of the said William [3]; my sister Jane Sandes; my son Edward Roper [4]; my manor of

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

[1] She was the daughter and coheir of Sir John Fineux, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of England, and widow of John Roper, of Eltham, in Kent, Esquire, Attorney General to King Henry the Eighth, by whom she had two sons, William Roper, and Christopher, the ancestor of the present Lord Teynham; also six daughters, Eleanor, who married, first, John Moreton, and secondly, Sir Edmund Montagu, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and thirdly, Sir John Digby, Knight; Elizabeth, who married, first, John Pilborow, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, and secondly, Leonard Sanders; Margaret, wife of Henry Appleton, of Dartford, in Kent; Anne, who married Sir Edward *Mackson*; Elizabeth, wife of Sir John Dawney; and Agnes, a nun at Dartford.

[2] She is called by Collins wife of Sir Edward Mackson, and in the MS. note of this will is described as *Agnes*, but as she had a sister of that name, it was probably a mistake.

[3] The said William, who was Clerk of the King's Bench, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas More, the celebrated Lord Chancellor.

[4] This Edward is not mentioned in Collins' account of the Roper family.

Bedmangow, and lands in Lymston, Dodyngton, Rodmersham, Kygeston, Morton, Fenham, and Bassechild in Kent.
Proved 29th July 1544[1].

SIR JOHN VILLIERS, KNT.

John Villiers, Knight[2], 24th May 1544. Whereas I intend, by the grace of God, shortly to pass the seas unto the realm of France, to serve the King's Majesty in his wars against the French King, I will that my body be buried in the chancel of the parish Church of St. Michael of Brokesby, if it fortune me to die in Leicestershire; or else, that I be buried where it shall please God. I will that my executors shall cause a great stone now lying in the chancel of Brokesby Church, to be laid on my father and mother, and that they cause two images of laten, with their arms, to be set on the same stone, with scripture round about it, and that also another stone of the like value be laid over me if I die in England. To my brothers, Edward, Thomas, William, and George Villiers; to my daughter Dorothy, my lands at Fulnethy, Lessington, Newbell, and Swinthorpe, in the county of Lincoln, as also my manor of Covenham in the same county; to my good lord Sir Edward Montague, Knight, Lord Chief Justice, to whose care I leave this my will, my bason and ewer of silver, and my best ambling gelding, and I pray him to be a good lord to all my friends; and I constitute my brother, George Villiers, my sole executor. To him I give the residue of my goods not bequeathed. Proved 1st January 1544-5*.

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[1] Query, 1544-5?

[2] He was Sheriff of Leicestershire and Warwickshire in the 23d and 29th Henry VIII. and died 8th December 1544, leaving by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Wingar, Dorothy, his sole daughter and heir, who married Francis Browne, Gent. From George Villiers, his brother and heir male, descended George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, K. G. (the well known favourite of James I. and Charles I.) and the present Earl of Jersey.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. iv. p. 175.

SIR JOHN CORNWALLIS, KNT.

Sir John Cornwallis, Knight[1], April 10, 1544. I commend my soul to Almighty God, and to the whole company of Heaven. My body to be buried with Christian burial, where it shall please God to suffer me to depart this world. I order my executors to distribute, within one month after my decease, v *l.* among poor householders within the parishes of Broome, Ocleye, Stuston, Thrandeston, Yaxley, and other towns adjoining, wherein any of my lands lie, to be divided equally between them. I bequeath to Thomas, my son and heir, all the furniture of my houses at Broome in Suffolk, Frense in the county of Norfolk, or elsewhere, within the realm of England; likewise all my cattle, corn, &c. upon condition that he gives to his two sisters, Anne and Mary, their double marriage apparel, according to the degree of every such person or persons they may marry withal. I bequeath to my daughter, the wife of the said Thomas, my wife's gown of black velvet; to my son Henry, my own gown of tawney taffeta; to my son Richard, my ward

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[1] Ancestor of the Right Hon. the Earl Cornwallis. He served in the expedition under the Earl of Surrey 18 Hen. VIII. and for his gallantry in storming the town of Morlaix, in Britanny, the Earl conferred on him the honour of knighthood. His wife was Mary, daughter of Edward Sulyard, of Otes, in Sussex, by whom he had Thomas, Henry, Richard, and William; also, three daughters, Elizabeth, who married John Blennarhasset; Ann, wife of Thomas Kente, of Suffolk; and Mary, who married Edward Halse, of Devonshire. Sir John Cornwallis died 23d April, and is buried at Broom, under a very handsome tomb, on which is the following inscription:

Johannes Cornwalleis, miles, Willielmi Cornwalleis armigeri filius, in Domo Principis Edwardi Oeconomus, et uxor ejusdem Maria, Edwardi Sulliardi de Esser filia. Qui quidem Johannes xviii Aprilis, anno Dom. M.D.XLIIII. obiit Astrugie in Comitatu Buckingham, cum ibidem Princeps Edwardus versaretur.

Margaret Lowthe[1], which I bought of my Lord of Norfolk, to marry her himself, if they both will be so contented; but if not, I will that he shall have the wardship and marriage of her, with all the advantages and profits. And whereas I had a grant from Richard, late bishop of Norwich, of the advowson and presentation of the archdeaconry of Norfolk, I will that, when it falls void, my executors present my son William to it, if so be he takes upon him priest's orders; but if he be not minded so to do, I will that he shall have the nomination to the said archdeaconry. I bequeath to my daughter Anne my ring with the rock ruby in it, and ccc marks to her marriage portion; also to my daughter Mary ccc marks, to be paid on the day or days of their marriages; and if one dies the other to have her portion. I give to my daughter Hasset my wife's gown of black satin; and to my Lady Hasset, my gilt cup with the cover, that has the two ears with an antick boy with a child in his hand on it. I bequeath to my brother Edward my gown of black damask, wealted with velvet, and furred with marterns; to my brother Francis, my gown of black satin lined with velvet; and to my brother William, such of my apparel as my executors shall think fit, and I will that he shall have an annuity of v *l.* for life, out of my lands in Broome, payable at the four usual feasts, as also his board with my son Thomas, or, on refusal, a further annuity of vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.* The rest of all my goods, moveable and immoveable, with all my manors, lands, &c. in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Middlesex, and London, I dispose, by deed of settlement, on Thomas my son and heir; and constitute him, with the Lady Blennerhasset, and John Blennerhasset, my son-in-law, my executors.

Proved July 9th, 1544*.

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[1] This Richard Cornwallis afterwards married the said Margaret Lowthe, who was daughter and heir of Lionel Lowthe, of Pawtry Beaumys, co. Hunts, Esq.

* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 305.

SIR MICHAEL DORMER, KNT.

Michael Dormer, of London, Knight, Alderman and Mercer of London[1], 17th September 1545. My body to be buried in the church-yard of St. Lawrence in the Jury in London, where Elizabeth my wife lyeth. To every one of my brother Peter's children x *l.*; to Elizabeth, my brother Edward's daughter, x *l.*; to my sister, Elizabeth Towley, vi *l.* xiii *s.* vi *d.* and every of her children, vi *l.* xiii *s.* viii *d.* To Thomas Dormer, my eldest son, all my lands in Heydon, Maston, and Water Eton, with remainder to his heirs. To William Dormer, my son, and his heirs, all my lands in the parishes of Tame, Aston, Stoke Church, Rowson, Downford, Sowthorne, Hepall Aston, Wendlebury, Ilberry, Wykham, Kirtillon, Dorton, and Coynton, in Oxfordshire, except my part of my manor of Coyndon, which I bought of my Lord Marquess of Dorset; remainder to my son Walter Dormer; remainder to my daughter, Jane Stapulton. I constitute Katherine, my wife, and John Dormer, my son, my executors; and my cousin, Sir Robert Dormer, Knt. and Anthony Stapulton, overseers. Proved 2d October 1545.

WILLIAM YELVERTON, ESQ.

William Yelverton, of Rougham, the elder, Esq.[2] 30th January 1540-1. My body to be buried in the Church of Our Lady of Rougham; and I will that my executors give to poor people at my funeral as much money as they think fit; and that they make restitution to all persons whom they think in conscience I have wronged. To Margaret Yelverton, my wife, and Sir Roger Townshend, Knt. whom I constitute my sole executors, all my goods, moveable and immoveable, debts, plate, household stuff, and all other utensils, they to part them among my children as they shall think best. Proved 17th August 1541*.

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[1] He was the third son of Geoffrey Dormer, the ancestor of the Right Honourable Lord Dormer. In 1529 he served the office of Sheriff of London, and was Lord Mayor thereof in 1541, and died 20th Sept. 1545. [2] Ancestor of the Earls of Sussex.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. iv. p. 337.

JOHN MAYNARD.

John Maynard [1], 4th October 1546. My body to be buried in the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, within the Church of St. Mary Arches in the City of Exeter. I will that a yearly obit be kept in the said Church on the 3d of November (if not on Sunday) to pray for the souls of John Bradmore, my father-in-law, my father's and mother's souls, and all the souls I am bound to pray for. To my brother, John Maynard. I will that all my evidences concerning my lands be by my overseers sorted, and put in boxes, and then put in a coffer with three locks, and three several keys belonging to each of them; one to remain with the Mayor of Exeter for the time being, another with the overseers of my will, and the third to be kept by the head-warden for the time being of the parish of St. Mary Arches; and the said coffer to remain in the Council Chamber till such time as my son and heir come to the full age of twenty-eight years. My lands in the parishes of Kenne, Rew, Wymple, Morchard Crucis, Axminster, in Devonshire. My sons, John and Richard *.

GEORGE SANDYS.

George Sandys, of Estwaite Furnese, in the county of Lancaster [2], April 23, 1548. Considering the uncertainty of my life, I commit my soul into the custody and hand of our Saviour

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[1] Younger brother of John Maynard, Esquire, the ancestor of the present Viscount Maynard. He is said to have married ...., daughter of William St. Leger, alias Snelling, of Chedlewood, Esq.

* From the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. vi. pp. 268, 269.

[2] Ancestor of the Lords Sandys of Ombersleigh, and of the present Marchioness of Downshire, Baroness Sandys of Ombersleigh.

Jesus Christ, trusting surely, that through the sprinkling of his blood I shall be partaker of the inheritage prepared for the faithful. To my grandson, Roger Sandys, son of George Sandys, I bequeath half of Watside Park, &c.; to my son Christopher, my estate at Garthwaite, in Lancashire, with other lands, after the death of his mother; to William my son, jointly with his brother Christopher, I bequeath my lease of Hawkshead Church, and three bloom smiddyes, with all the ore which I have in Mithland and Low Furness, paying to Miles and Anthony, my sons, and their brothers, a hundred pounds. I further will, to my said sons, Miles and Anthony, equally and jointly, all my rights in Louson Park, Parkamore, and the one half of Watside Park; to my daughter Anne, and to my grand-daughters, Agnes, Margaret, and Elizabeth, daughters of George Sandys. I will also, that my son, Edwin Sandes, vicar of Haversham, shall have of my goods, &c. xx *l.* desiring him heartily, upon my blessing, to see this my last will and testament fulfilled, and good rule and loving order to be had among his mother's brethren, and sisters and children of my said son George. Moreover, it is my will and mind, that in case any of my sons, or others, be not contented, lovingly and jointly, to fulfil this my last will, that then they which offend and break this my said will and testament, shall forfeit all such possessions, &c. bequeathed to them; and the same to be at the sight of John Preston, Esq. and other supervisors of this my said last will and testament. I constitute my sons, William, Christopher, Miles, and Anthony, my executors; and John Preston, Esq. my son, Edward Sandys, vicar of Haversham, William Dixon, Miles Dixon, Thomas Benson, Richard Mackereith, William Sawrey, Miles Sawrey, and Richard Sandys, of Lancaster, supervisors; and do appoint, that if my estate be not sufficient to discharge the legacies, that they shall then be lessened, at the discretion of Mr. Preston, and Edwin Sandys, my son, vicar of Haversham*.

* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. vii. p. 357.

CHARLES DUKE OF SUFFOLK.

Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk[1], 20th June 1544. My body to be buried in the Collegiate Church of Tatshall, in the County of Lincoln, if it might conveniently be, but without any pomp, or outward pride of the world. I will, that *Masses* and *Diriges* be done for me there by all the priests of that College, and other my chaplains, according to the ancient custom of the Church of England. I will, that no black gowns or coats be given at my funeral, except to my own servants and torch bearers. I will that c *l.* be distributed to the poorest householders of my tenants, and others dwelling next to my houses of Tatshall, Gresham, Ellow, and Gaynesthorpe, in the County of Lincoln, to pray for my soul. I will, that a cup of gold be made out of my Collar of the Garter, and given to the King *.

THOMAS EARL OF RUTLAND.

Thomas Earl of Rutland[2], 16th August 34 Hen. VIII. 1542. Whereas I am seized of the manors of Belvoir and Wollesthorpe, and of other lands there; also, of the Castle of Hemsley, the scite of the late Monastery of Rivault, and the scite of the Priory of Warter, in the County of York,

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[1] The brother-in-law of King Henry the Eighth. He died on Saturday 24th August 1545, and was not buried at Tatshall, agreeable to his directions, but in the Chapel of St. George of Windsor.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 300, but it is evidently very imperfect.

[2] Thomas Manners, first Earl of Rutland of that name, and a Knight of the Garter. He was twice married, first, to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Lovel, Knight, by whom he had no issue; and secondly, to Eleanor, daughter of Sir William Paston, Knight, by whom he had the children named in his will. The Earl died 20th September 1543.

and the scite of the late Monastery of Garodon, and the scite of the late Commandery of the Eagle in Lincoln, the scite of the Priory of Belvoir in Lincoln, with lands in divers towns belonging to the said Monasteries, all of which lands Margaret[1] Countess of Rutland, my wife, hath in dower. Whereas I am also seised of the scite of the Monasteries of Newsted next Stamford, and of Croxton in Leicestershire, all which manors extend to the clear yearly value of M.DCCCLXXII *l.* To Oliver Manners, one of my younger sons, the manor of Howson in Yorkshire, with all the appurtenances for his life. After my son, Henry Lord Roos, and the Lady Margaret Roos[2] have had carnal knowledge in lawful matrimony, I will that the said Margaret hold the manors of Melton Ross, in the County of Lincoln, and all my lands in Melton Ross, Beckby, Kernyngron, Barnaby, Ulceby, Wrawby, Glamford-Bruggs, Elsham, and Wotton, the manor of Orston, and the Sok and all lands, &c. in Orston, Streton, Kneton, Scavington, Carcolston, Thurverton, Staunton, and Dalington, in the County of Nottingham, as her jointure. To John Manners, one of my younger sons, my manor of Thornton in Craven, with the appurtenances in Thornton in Craven, Earesby, and Kelbroke, in the County of York. To Roger Manners, another of my younger sons, the manor of Linton upon Ouse, with the appurtenances in Linton and Yolton, in the County of York. To Thomas Manners, another of my younger sons, my manor of Turnham Hall and Cliff, in the parish of Hemmyngburgh, with the appurtenances. To my three daughters Elizabeth, Frances, and Katherine, LX *l. per annum* each, till they be married, and M *l.* each towards their marriages. And I constitute Eleanor Countess of Richmond my wife, Sir Richard Manners, Knt. my brother,

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[1] Sic in the MS. note of this will, but query, if not *Eleanor? vide* the note to the last page.

[2] She was the daughter of Ralph Neville, Earl of Westmoreland and died in 1560.

Sir John Chaworth, Knt. my brother-in-law, Augustine Porter, Henry Digby, and Robert Thurston, Esquire, my executors. Proved 19th May 1545 *.

CHARLES LORD MONTJOY.

Charles Blount, Lord Montjoy, 36 Henry VIII. 1544. Being in the wars of France, I will that a stone be laid over my grave, in case I shall happen to be slain, with the following epitaph thereon, for a monument to my children, to continue and keep themselves worthy of so much honour as to be called hereafter to die for their Master and Country.

Epitaphium.

Willingly have I sought,
And willing have I found
The fatal end that wrought
Me hither, as duty bound.

Discharg'd I am of that I ought
To my country by honest wonde [2]
My soul departed, Christ hath bought:
The end of Man is ground.

I will that, if I die out of the wars, that then my body, without any curiosity or costly ceremonies, be brought to the Church most of resort thereabouts; and that a tomb be

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* From a MS. note, and the Abstract in Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. ii. p. 432.

[1] Fifth Lord Montjoy, of whom but little is recorded, though from his will he seems to have been a singular character. He married a daughter of Lord Willoughby de Broke, by whom he had three sons, James, his successor in the Barony, Francis and William. Lord Montjoy died in 1545, and appears to have survived the wars in which he was engaged.

[2] *Ownde* in Dugdale, but *wonde* in the MS note of this will.

there erected for me according to my degree. Also, I will that, for the space of two years after my decease, a godly and discreet man may be chosen to edify the youth of the parish of Westbury under the Plain, in the County of Wilts, with two lectures, whereof the first lecture to be every day in the morning ordained for the catechising of children, that thereby they may be perfectly instructed to know what they profess in their *Baptism*, in their *Pater Noster* how to pray; in their *Ave Maria* to know how our Lord ought to be honoured, and in the *Ten Commandments*; and that he who may be Reader, shall not only read unto them, but also appose them, as they do in matters of grammar. The second lecture to be within the same parish, at afternoon four times in the week; that is to say, on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, to them that come; wherein chiefly to be declared the duty of subjects to their king and magistrates, for maintenance of good order and obeysance, not only for fear but for conscience, with Scriptures Divine and profane policies consonant thereunto; as also increpation of vice with their texts of Scripture; and for the performance thereof the Reader to have xx marks by the year. To my wife, my manors of Barton, in Derbyshire, and Sprytlesbury and Pulham, in Dorsetshire, for her life; Francis and William, my sons; Richard Blount, my cousin. Proved 19th December 1545*.

JOHN SCROPE, ESQ.

John Scrope, of Hamylden, in the County of Bucks[1],

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. i. p. 521, and a MS. note.

[1] It is certain from this John Scrope speaking of his *nephew John Lord Scrope* of Bolton, that he was a younger son of Henry *seventh* Lord Scrope of Bolton, by Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Earl of Northumberland, though Dugdale states, that it was a younger son of Henry the *eighth* Lord, by Mabel, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacres, who settled at Hamildon, in the County of Bucks.

28th August 1544. My body to be buried there. The Right Hon. John Lord Scrope of Bolton, my nephew; my wife, Felys; my eldest son, Henry; my daughter, Margaret Wyvell; my sons John and Ralph; my manor of Hamylden; my sons Adrian and Robert. I constitute John Lord Scrope, Lord Scrope of Bolton, my wife Felys, and Thomas Rokeby, her brother, my executors.

Proved 27th November 1547.

EDWARD LORD GREY OF POWIS.

Edward Grey, Lord Powis[1], 11th June, 36 Henry VIII. 1544. My barony and lordship of Powys, with my castle and manor of Poole, and my other lordships in the county of Montgomery; and also, my castles and manors of Cherleton and Pontysbury, in the county of Salop, to the heirs of my body lawfully begotten; failing which, my castle and manor of Charlton, and manor of Pontysbury, to Jane Orwell, daughter of Sir Lewis Orwell, Knt. and her assigns, during her natural life. And, in default of issue of my body lawfully begotten, I will that Edward Grey, my illegitimate son by the said Jane Orwell, shall have and enjoy my said barony and manor of Powis, my castle and manor of Poole, and all other my lordships in the county of Montgomery, and the reversion of the castle and manors of Cherleton and Pontysbury, to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; in default of which, the same to remain to that child, in case it be a son, wherewith the said Jane Orwell is now great by me, and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten; but if it should not be a son, or if a son and he die without issue, then I will that the whole Barony of Powys, and the premises aforesaid,

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[1] Edward Grey, last Lord Grey, of Powis; he married Anne, daughter and coheir of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, who survived him, and married, secondly, Randle Hornworth, Esquire. Lord Grey died without legitimate issue in 1552.

shall come to Jane Grey, my daughter, and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten; and for lack of such issue, to Anne Grey, my other daughter, and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten; and for default of such issue, to such woman child as shall be born of the body of the said Jane Orwell*.

FELICE UPTON.

Felice Upton, 16th September 1548. My body to be buried in the Church of St. Peter, Dover, before the font there. Proved at Canterbury.

THOMAS BROOKE, ESQ.

Thomas Brooke, alias Cobham [1], of the parish of Reculver, Esq. My body to be buried in the Choir of Hothe. To my especial good Lord, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury [2], my great black horse, and my signet. To Susan, my wife, my lease of Chistlett Park for life; remainder to Thomas, my youngest son. John Sethe, of Herne. I bequeath my patent of Fourde Park, in Chistlett, to Susan my wife, for life; remainder to my eldest son, Cranmer Brook, for ever. The Lord Cobham, my brother.

Proved at Canterbury 17th January 1547.

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, tome ii. p. 284, and Collins' Precedents, p. 397.

[1] Apparently brother of George Lord Cobham.

[2] Thomas Cranmer.

GEORGE LORD DARCY.

George Lord Darcy[1], 1548. My body to be buried in the Quire at Bempton, near to my wife. I will that a convenient tomb be made and set over us both, according to my estate and degree. To Agnes Fairfax, my daughter, c marks; also, my best wrought silk carpet, bordered with crimson velvet, which she made. To Mary, my daughter, c marks. To my daughter Dawney, my best cup. To Elizabeth, Clare, and Mary, my daughters*.

RALPH HAYMAN.

Ralph Hayman, of Milton. My body to be buried in the Church there, before the high quire. I will that a stone of marble, graved with my picture, my three wives, and my three sons and four daughters, to the value of iv*l.* be laid on my sepulture. Maryon, my wife. I will that, when John Feltwell comes to the age of twenty-four years, if my said wife be deceased, that he shall have the house that I bought of Lawrence Haester and Peter Smythe, and the smyth's forge, to him and the heirs of his body; the remainder to be sold by my feoffees. To Ralph, son of Peter Hayman, my manor of Backchilde, with the lands,

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[1] Second Lord Darcy of Darcy; he was restored to the Barony which had been forfeited by the attainder of his father the first Lord, but with remainder to the heirs male of his body, by Act of Parliament 2 Edward VI.; he married Dorothy, daughter and heir of Sir John Melton, of Aston, co. York, Knight, and by her had John, his son and heir, and six daughters, viz. Agnes, wife of Sir Thomas Fairfax, Knight; Mary, who married, first, Henry Babington, Esquire, and secondly, Henry Foljambe, Esquire; Edith, wife of Sir John Dawney; Dorothy, wife of Sir Thomas Metham; Elizabeth, who married Bryan Stapelton, Esquire; and Clare, who died unmarried. Lord Darcy died 28th August 4th and 5th Philip and Mary 1557.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, tome i. p. 374.

rents, services, &c. thereto belonging; but if he should not dwell within the said hundred of Milton, and should dye within twenty-four years next after my decease without heirs male called Ralph Hayman, of his body lawfully begotten, then I will that the said manor and its appurtenances remain to my executors, to find an honest priest, born within the county of Kent, to sing within the Church of Milton yearly for twenty years, and he to have for his labour VIII*l.* a year. And I will that the longest liver of my executors shall receive the same, and find the said priest during the said years.

Proved at Canterbury 27th March, 1548.

WILLIAM BOYS, ESQ.

William Boys, of Nonninton, Esq. If I die where I now dwell, I will that my body be buried in the Chapel where I sit. Ellen, Mary, and Elizabeth, my daughters. My daughter's uncle, Sir Edward Ringley, Knt. To the poor of every parish, within the Hundred of Eastry, VI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.* My five sons, Edward, Thomas, William, John, and Vincent. Mary my wife. I will that Edward, my eldest son, have all my manors, lands, and tenements, as were entailed to him, and his eldest heir male, according to the indentures made between me, his father, and Sir Edward Ringley, Knt.[1] at the time of his marriage. My sister Margaret. My manor of Fredfeld; my lands of Frogham. To Edward my son, my leases of Accolte, and three barrows, which I have obtained of my Lord of Canterbury, and my lease of six score acres of land, which I have obtained of the late Prior of Dover, called Westcorland. I bequeath a moiety of Ketterton, which was lately Brymers, and also eight score acres of land, called Ketterton, which I took of my Lord of Canterbury, to the said Edward, my son, to apply the profits to the use of my two sons, John and Vincent, until they come of age,

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[1] Vide the will of this Sir Edward Ringley, in a former page.

when he shall be at liberty to purchase the said moiety, at twenty years purchase, and the lease of the eight score acres, at sixteen years purchase, or else both to remain to my two sons, John and Vincent, for ever. Robert Boys.

Proved at Canterbury 23d July 3 Ed. VI. 1549.

BRIDGET LADY MARNEY.

Bridget Lady Marney[1], Little Horkssey, 16th September 1549. My body to be buried at the end of the high altar, in the Chancel of the Parish Church of Little Horkssey, where I will that a vault of brick be made, so large that one body may be conveniently laid therein; and I will that over it be set a tomb, more than half the length of the tomb wherein Dame Katherine Finderne lieth buried, and upon the same that there be put three pictures of brass, one of myself, without any coat-armour, and upon my right side the picture of the Lord Marney, my last husband, in his coat-armour; and upon my left side the picture of my husband Finderne, in his coat-armour; and at the head or feet a scripture of brass to show the time of my decease, what stock I was of, and to what men of worship I was married. Also, I will that there shall be sung by note such service as is set out and appointed by the King's Book to be used at burials, with so many priests and clerks as my executors shall think convenient, every priest to have xiid. and every clerk, being a man helping to sing, ivd.*

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[1] Widow of John Lord Marney, and of ..... Finderne, and daughter of .... Waldegrave.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, tome ii. p. 302.

SIR OWEN WEST, KNT.

Owen West, Knt.[1] 17th July 1551, being sick, &c. My body to be buried where I may depart this life. To Dame Mary West, my wife, my lordship of Hynton Martell during her life, and after her decease to my two daughters, Mary and Anne. And I constitute Dame Mary, my wife, my sole executrix; and the Lord my brother, and my brother Guildford, supervisors. Proved 30th Oct. 1551 *.

DAVID CECILL, ESQ.

David Cyssell, of Stamford, in the county of Lincoln[a], on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul[2], 1535. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. George, in Stamford. I bequeath to Jane, my wife, all my lands in Stamford, Nassyngton, and elsewhere, for term of her life, and after her decease to Richard, my son and heir, and to his heirs for ever; and to Joan, my daughter, one half of my household stuff at Dowsby. To Richard, my eldest son, my best gown; to Anthony Villiers my second best gown, my best doublet, and my velvet jacket; to David, my son, my black

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[1] Eldest son of Thomas Lord La Warr, K. G. by his *second* wife Eleanor, daughter of Sir Roger Copley, of Gatton, Knight. Sir Owen West married Mary, daughter of Sir George Guildford, of Hempsted-place, co. Kent, Knight, by whom he had the two daughters named in his will. Mary, the eldest, married first, Sir Adrian Poynings, Knight; and secondly, Sir Richard Rogers, Knight, and became eventually sole heir to her father; and in the heirs of her body, it is contended in the Editor's Synopsis of the Peerage, vol. i. p. 184, that the ancient Barony of Le Warr is now vested.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 389.

[a] Ancestor of the Marquesses of Exeter and Salisbury. In the 3d Henry VIII. he was constituted Water Bailiff of Wittlesmere, and Keeper of the Swans there. He was Escheator of the County of Lincoln in 1529 and 1530, and Sheriff of Northamptonshire 24 Henry VIII. By Jane, daughter and heir of John Dickons, of Stamford, he had the children named in his Will.

[2] 25th January.

gown of cloth lined with damask, a doublet of sattin streaked, with a jacket and my green coats; and the residue of my goods I bequeath to Richard Cyssel, my son, to the honour of God, and for the health of my soul, after the most laudable manner that he can do or devise; and I ordain him my sole executor *.

WILLIAM LORD STOURTON.

William Stourton, Knt. Lord Stourton [1], Deputy General of Newhaven and the Marches of the same, 8th September

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* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. iii. p. 155.

[1] Sixth Lord Stourton. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Edmund Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, and by her had Charles his son and heir, Andrew, Arthur, John, Giles, and George, and two daughters, Ursula, who married Edward Lord Clinton, and Dorothy, who married Sir Richard Brent. Collins states, that he married, secondly, Anne or Agnes Ryse, daughter of the Countess of Bridgewater, whilst other authorities assert, that his second wife was the said Countess of Bridgewater. The Countess of Bridgewater in question was Katherine, daughter of Thomas Howard second Duke of Norfolk, who married, first, Sir Griffith Rhese, or as he is more generally called Sir Rhese Ap Thomas, K. G.; and secondly, Henry Daubeney, Earl of Bridgewater. It is almost certain, from the manner in which Lord Stourton speaks of "Mrs. Anne Rhese," that she was not his *wife* at the date of his will, and unless he had married the Countess of Bridgewater, and the said Mrs. Anne Rhese was her daughter by her first husband Sir Griffith Rhese, K. G. the inference to be drawn from the testator's bequest to, and description of her, tend to raise a suspicion by no means favourable to her memory. Collins goes on to state that the probate of this will was dated 15th July 1557, and that *Agnes Stourton, widow of the deceased, administered*, whilst Dugdale informs us that it was proved 15th November 1548. Neither of these statements appear, on examination, to be correct, for what Collins calls *the probate* of William Lord Stourton's will, was the commission issued on the 15th July 1557, to Anne Stourton, widow, of the goods, &c. of Charles late Lord Stourton; hence it seems that the will in the text was never proved until after the death of the testator's son and successor, Charles Lord Stourton, who was executed for murder 16th

1548, being now sick, &c. I will that my body be buried where it shall please God. To my daughter Clinton two silver pots, of the value of xx *l.*; to my daughter Brent two others, of the same value, with my arms and names thereon; to Mrs. Anne Ryse, daughter to the Countess of Bridgewater, all my plate of silver gilt or parcel gilt now remaining at Newhaven, and in her keeping, with all my beds and other stuff of household, moveable or immoveable, in all places within my manor and lordship of Stourton, as well corn and hay as other necessaries; the residue I bequeath to Charles Stourton, my eldest son, whom I constitute my sole executor, and to bestow for my soul's health, as conscience and reason shall require. And I appoint the Lord William Howard, and Sir John Bridges, Knt. now Deputy of Bologne, overseers, to each of whom I bequeath x *l.* for their trouble.

IN A CODICIL, dated 10th September 1548.

I will to my servants, if they serve my son Charles, such wages as I gave them, with meat and drink during their lives; but if not, a whole year's wages, and to depart when they please. The said Mrs. Anne Ryse, &c.*

JOHN MENYS, CLERK.

Sir John Menys, Prebendary of Christ Church, Canterbury[1]. My body to be buried in the North aisle of the said

March 3 and 4 Philip and Mary 1557, when Anne, his widow, daughter of the Earl of Derby, in administering to his effects, also proved the will of his father William Lord Stourton. The Testator died shortly after the date of the codicil to his will, and it consequently may be concluded that Mrs. Anne Rhese never became his wife: whether the Countess of Bridgewater was his second wife has not been positively ascertained.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. vi. p. 393.

[1] He was constituted Prebend of Canterbury in the sixth stall by the charter of erection in 1542.

Church, where the first mass was wont to be said. John Myllys[1].

Proved at Canterbury 8th March 4th Ed. VI. 1550.

BONIFACE HENNIKER.

Boneface Heneker, of the parish of Nonnington. Agnes my wife; Jane, Isabell, and Margaret, my daughters; Thomas, Edward, Robert, William, and Richard, my sons; Thomas my brother; William Hamon. I bequeath my lands and tenements at Progham Street, in Nonnington, to Thomas my son, in tail male; remainder to my other sons.

Proved at Canterbury, 7th Jan. 4 Ed. VI. 1551.

RICHARD NEVILL.

Richard Nevill, of Canterbury, 15th April 5 Edw. VI. 1551. Alexander, Thomas, and Thomas, my three sons; the farm of Westgate, and of St. Nicholas in Thanet, and the lands of St. Gregorie's, which I hold by several indentures. To my wife, for life, the scite of the house of Gregories, and afterwards to my son Alexander; and if he die, to my son, the elder Thomas; and if he die, to the younger Thomas my son. To George Toftes, my servant, the farm of Cockerynge, and the parsonage of Hannington for forty years, he paying yearly for the same VIII *l.* V *s.*, and discharging the priest during the said term; and likewise the farm of Raddersley for the like term, he paying XXX *s.* IV *d.* To my son Alexander, my lease of St. Gregories; to my son, the elder Thomas, the lease of my farm of Westgate, &c.; to my son, the younger Thomas, the lease of my farm of Thanet, each to be the other's heir in seniority, if any

[1] Query, if he was not also a Prebend of Canterbury? Vide Le Neve's Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, p. 18.

should die before the age of twenty-one; remainder to George Nevill, my elder brother's son. To Anne my wife, my manor of Nackington for life; remainder to be disposed of among my children. My daughters.

Proved at Canterbury 13th June 1551.

ROBERT FENYES.

Robert Fenyes, of St. Margaret's of Cliffe. My body to be buried in the church-yard there. Thomas Lyttilforth, Vicar there. Isabell, my wife. Thomas, William, and Walker, my sons. John, my son.

Proved at Canterbury 9th June, 5th Edw. VI. 1551.

SIR JOHN WALLOP.

May 22, 1551. I, Sir John Wallop, Knight of the right honourable Order, Lievtenaunte of the Castill and Countye of Guysnes[1], being of whole mynde and in perfitt memory, and sicke in bodye; considering the vanitie of this worlde, and the soden chaunge of man out of this transitorie

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[1] Sir John Walpole was distinguished, equally by his military as by his civil merits, in the reign of Henry VIII. In the 6th Henry VIII. he was Admiral and Commander in Chief of the King's Fleet; and in the 18th he was sent as Ambassador to the Princes of Germany. On his return from Guisnes, in 1543, of which he had been appointed Governor and Captain General, he was elected a Knight of the Garter. He closed a life spent with zeal and fidelity in his Sovereign's service, at Guisnes, in July, 5th Edward VI. 1551, where he was buried. Sir John was twice married, first, to Elizabeth, widow of Gerard, son of Thomas Earl of Kildare, and daughter of Sir Oliver St. John, of Lydiard Tregoz; and, secondly, to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Clement Harleston, of Okingdon, co. Essex, Knt.; but, having no issue, his brother, Sir Oliver Wallop, became his heir, from whom the present Earl of Portsmouth is descended.

worlde; and nothing to be more certayne then death, and the tyme thereof to be uncertayne: do therefore deliberately and advisedly ordeyne and make this my testament and last will, in manor and form following. First, I revoke and annull all former testaments, &c. And then, afore all other worldly things, I give and bequeathe my soul to Almightie God my Maker, Redeemer, and Saviour, humbly desiring our Ladye Saynt Marie, the virgin mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the holy company of Heaven, to be mediators and intercessors for me, that my soul may be saved by the merits of Christe's passion, and have place of glory that he redeemyed me to with his precious blood, thorrowe the abundance and multitude of the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christe. And my body to be buried in Christian burial, whare myne executrice undernamyed shall think most expedient at the tyme of my deathe. Item, I give and bequeathe to my singular good Lord the Duke of Somersett's Grace, one of the two great guylt cuppis that King Ferdinando, King of Romayns, did give to me, being the King's ambassador with hyme. Item, I give and bequeathe to my very good Lord Therle of Warwick, thother greate gilt cupp the fellow of the same. Item, to my Lord Therle of Wilteshire my great gilt boll with a cover, that I brought out of France with me. Item, to my loving brother Sir Thomas Chayne, Lord Gwarden of the Five Ports, my great gilt cupp that the Kinge of Pole dyde give me, and my mules. Item, to my loving frende Sir William Herbert, Knight, Master of the Horse, one of my three new bollys, with a cover gilt, bought at Bruges. Item, to Sir Edward Wotton, Knight, my gilt cupp with a cover, whiche I and my wife did use to drynke caudels in. And yf it happen the said Syr Edward Wotton to dye afore me, then I bequeathe the said gilt cupp to Mr. Nicholas Wotton, Dean of Canterbury, his brother. Item, to my brother Oliver Wallop my gown furred with sables, and all my stuf of household which I now have at my house of my manor of Farley. Item, to my cosyne Cooke, Sergeant of the King's Herthounds, my gown furred with lucerns, and my velvet cloke. Item, to John Smale, my steward, my gowne

embrodered with sarsenet, and the sarsenet gowne furred with black conye. Item, to Chester the Harrolde my sersenet cloke embroderyd. Item, to Guyens the Pursevante, my best capp and the best broche, the same that the Quene[1] that last dyed dyd give me with the great white stone. Item, to Nicholas Alexander, Captayne of Newnam Bridge, my late Secretary, a annuitie of vi *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* to be paid, &c. I bequeath to all my servants of my household half a year's wages, and v *l.* to the reparations of the church at Gaisons, and v *l.* to the poor there. I bequeath my manor of Bury and Barlich, in the county of Somerset, and my manor of Morebach, in the county of Devon, to Elizabeth my wife, to the intent that she, receiving the issues and profits thereof, shall pay all my debts, and the several annuities which I leave payable out of the said manors. And after her decease, I bequeath the said manors to my brother Oliver Wallop, and to the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten; and the residue of my goods, &c. to Elizabeth my wife, whom I ordain my sole executrix. And I most humbly beseche the Kinge's Majesty, that in consideration I have servyed his gracious noble father and his Highness all my lief, truly and faithfully, and have spent in his Grace's service, not only the revenues and profytts of mine office, but also the rents and profytts of myne owne lands, and yet remayne sore indebted to his Highness, that yt may lyke his Grace, of his Majesty's clemency, and my good Lordes of his Grace's Counsail, to remytt my said debt, or parte thereof, as that shall stand with his Grace's and their pleasure: and the rather that there was myne hundreth crownys due to me for the ransom of French prisoners that were takyn, whiche prysoners I delyvered by his Grace's Counsayll's commaundment, without any money paying for their ransom, to me due. And farther beseeching most humbly his Highness, and my said good Lordes of his Grace's Counsaill, to suffer my said wife, being mine executrice, to have for the performance of my will, and the help and reliffe of my poore servants, the

[1] Apparently Katherine Howard, who was beheaded 13th February 1547.

comodite and profytt of myne office at Guysnys, paying the waiges and charges to be due untill the 17th daye of October next comynge, that the half yere I have entryd into, doo end; whereby his Grace shall rewarde your sicke servaunte, that is sorry he hath no longer life to serve your Highness *.

SIR ROBERT DORMER, KNT.

Robert Dormer, Knt.[1] 20th June, 1552. To the poor of West Wiccombe xl *l.*; to Jane, my dear and entirely beloved wife, my manors of Wenge, Ascote, Broughton, and Grove, with their appurtenances, as also my manor of Abbot's Aston, for life. I will that William Dormer, my son, assure the manors of Elhill and Crenwell to Dorothy his wife, for the payment of c marks *per annum*, for life, in accomplishment of my promise to Anthony Catesby, Esq. her father. To Jane and Anne Dormer, daughters of the said William[2], each xx *l. per annum* out of my manors of Huchendon and Ravenesmer, alias Ravenersmore, in the parishes of Hutchendon and Little Missenden, for term of their lives, and also D marks in money, towards their marriages. To Robert Dormer, my godson, and son of the said William[3], my best chain of gold. The residue of all my manors, &c. I give to William, my son and heir, who, with Jane my wife, I ordain my executors.

Proved 20th October 1552 *.

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* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 69 *et seq.*

[1] Ancestor of the present Lord Dormer, and son and heir of William Dormer, whose will is inserted in p. 474. He was Sheriff of the counties of Bedford and Buckingham in the 14th, 23d, and 30th years of Henry VIII. and received the honour of knighthood October 18, 1537. His wife was Jane, daughter of John Newdigate, of Harfield, co. Middlesex, Esq. Serjeant at Law.

[2] "By his first wife."

[3] "By Dorothy, his wife." Sic in Collins' Abstract; but it is very doubtful if these words formed part of the Testator's Will.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. vii. pp. 63—64.

SIR THOMAS WYNDSORE, KNT.

Sir Thomas Wyndsor, of Princess Risborough, in the county of Bucks, Knt.[1] 8th November 1552. I bequeath my manors of Princess Risborough and Darlington, after the decease of my wife, to Ann, my daughter, and her heirs, and in default thereof to my brother, William Wyndsor; and I will that my uncle, Edmund Wyndsor, have the management thereof, until he attain the age of twenty-one years. To the Lord my father my black horse. And I constitute my uncle, Edmund Wyndsor, and the Lady Dorothy, my wife, my executors.

Proved 16th January 1553*.

DR. CHRISTOPHER NEVYNSON.

Christopher Nevynson, of Addisham, Doctor of the Civil Law, born at Wedderall, in Cumberland. 15th March 1550-1. Anne, my wife; Jane, my daughter; my uncle, Richard Nevynson; my cousin, James Nevynson; my cousin, Stephen Nevynson, M.A. of Cambridge; my cousins, Alexander and John Nevynson, brothers; my brothers, Roger, John, and Richard Nevynson. To my servant, Robert Stamp, my lease of Henford, after my mother Monins's death; to my cousin, Thomas Nevynson, my lease of

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[1] Son and heir apparent of William, second Lord Windsor. He was nominated a Knight of the Bath at the Coronation of Edward VI. 20th February, 1547; and married, in the 39th Henry VIII. Dorothy, daughter of William Lord Dacre of Greystock (and died vitâ patris), by whom he left a daughter, Ann, but she is presumed to have died before her grandfather, Lord Windsor, because he takes no notice of her in his will, and if she had survived him, the Barony of Windsor, being a dignity in fee, would have devolved on her instead of her uncle Edward, the third Baron Windsor.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 89.

Hedcorne Parsonage; Mr. Bland, Parson of Addesham; my leases of the Parsonage of Addesham and Chapel of Staple; my lease of Keytmarsh, parcel of the manor of Wingham Barton; my lease of the Parsonage of Goldnestanton; my lease of Bassington; my lease of the Parsonages of Goodneston, Nonnington, and my lease of the Portion of Well, in the parish of Adesham. To my son Thomas my lease of the Manor-place at Wingham, and of the lands belonging to it, and my lease of the scite of the manor of Eastrye, and the lands belonging to it, and my lease of the manor of Ratlynge, and the marsh in Wyngham Valley, and the lease of the land belonging to St. Stephen's Chapel, in New Romney, in Romney Marsh, belonging to Magdalen College, in Oxford; my lease of the scite of the manor of Tenham, and of the lands belonging to it; to my brother, John Nevynson, my lease of Tykneys, in the parish of Northbone; and to my brother, Richard Nevynson, my lease of Mays, in Heron; to my brother, Roger Nevynson, and to Humphry and Roland, his sons, my lease of Maison Dieu Broke, in Romney Marsh, in the parish of Rokynge; to Thomas, my son, and to his heirs male, my garden at Sandwich, and two acres of land at Stelling, and all the tythes of the parish of Nonnington and the late Chapel of Wenningwold, and the parish of Goodnestone, near Wingham. Witness Edmund Farlley, Rector of Mongeham, John Orgraver, Vicar of Eastry, William Berrinell, Vicar of Ashe, Humphrey Chirde, Rector of St. Alphage, Canterbury.

Proved at Canterbury, 12th September 1551.

EDWARD MONYNGS, ESQ.

Edward Monyngs, of Waldersham, 1st January, 1 Edw. VI. 1548. My body to be buried in the Church there. To my son William the next Advowson of the Church of Eythlhorne, whereof I am Patron. My sister, Jane Warrens; my sister Sybelle; Syreake Pettyt, Gent. my over-

seer; my manor of Waldershare, with all other my lands, tenements, &c. in Waldershare, Colred, Northborne, West Langeden, and Ewell, as well as the Patronages of the Churches of Eythorne and Waldershare, to Parnell, my wife, for her life; remainder to my several sons successively in tail male; remainder to my brother, John Monynges, in like tail; remainder to my four daughters, Christian Broke, Elizabeth Engeham, Margaret Lane, and Alys Hammond, and to their heirs for ever. To Parnell my wife, for life, my manor or tenements called Swanton, in the parish of Lyden, with all the lands lying in Lyden, Alcam, Livynfeld, and Walton; remainder to my sons successively in tail male; remainder to my cousin, William Bedynfeld, and his heirs for ever; excepting certain lands called Everinge, in Alcam, which, after the death of my sons without heirs male as aforesaid, I bequeath to Daniel Everinge, son of my cousin, John Everinge, and his heirs male; remainder to my cousin, William Beddynfeld, and his heirs for ever. To Parnell my wife, for her life, all my lands in Tenterden, Rolvenden, Halden, and Smalled; remainder to my son Richard and Katherine his wife, and their heirs male. To my said son Richard, and Katherine his wife, my manor or messuage called Reggway, in Herne, and all other lands and tenements therein, to them and their heirs in tail male; remainder in like manner to my other sons and daughters successively. My lands in Reculver to Parnell my wife, for life; remainder to all my sons and daughters successively in tail male. To my son George Monyngs, and his heirs for ever, my manor of Seberston, and all my lands in the parish of Hougham, and lands lying in St. Mary's, in Romney Marsh. To William, my son, and his heirs for ever, all my lands in Winesborough, and in the town, port, and liberty of Sandwich. To Christopher, my son, all the rest of my lands in Romney Marsh, within New Romney, and within the liberties of the same. Witness, Alexander Barteon, Vicar of Coldred.

Proved at Canterbury 21st March, 6 Edw. VI. 1552.

KATHERINE LADY EDGCUMBE.

Katherine Lady Edgcumbe[1], at Cuthele, in the county of Cornwall, 4th December, 1 Mary, 1553. To the poor of the parishes of Calstock, Tavistock, Launceston, St. Mary Magdalen, and St. Dominick. To my daughter, Mary Luterel, all my household goods that she hath of mine at Dunster, in the county of Somerset, which some time belonged to Sir Griffith Rhese, my husband. To each of my chaplains and servants a black gown and a whole year's wages. The residue of my goods and chattels, tin-works in Cornwall, &c. after my funeral is defrayed, and my legacies paid, I bequeath to my executors, my trusty and loving brother Sir John St. John, Knt. and my trusty nephew Sir Thomas Stradling, Knt. and if they be sued or molested concerning my Will, or for any matter or cause concerning my late husbands, Sir Griffith Rhice or Sir Piers Edgcumb, Knt. or either of them, I will that they pay themselves. Proved 12th December 1553*.

ROGER PONSONBY, CLERK.

Sir Roger Ponsonby, Clerk, Parson of the Church of Chekindon, in Oxfordshire, 28th October, 1554, being sick of body, but of sound mind, &c. My body to be buried in the Church of Chekindon. I will that my manor of Chekindon be sold for the performance of my Will. To the parishioners of Chekindon xx*l.* And I bequeath xx*l.* for

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[1] She was the daughter of Sir John St. John of Bletshoe, Knight of the Bath, and married, first, Sir Griffith Ryce, of Wales, Knt. by whom she appears to have had issue; and, secondly, Sir Piers Edgcumbe, Knt. ancestor of the present Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, to whom she was second wife, but by him had no children.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. vii. p. 342.

a yearly dirge, and the mass of *five wounds*, to be said in the Church where my father and mother lie; and I will that a stone be laid over my father's grave. To my servants; to the mending of the highways, &c.; to my brother, Sir Matthew Ponsonby, xiiil. vis. viiid.; to my brother, Edmund Ponsonby, xlvil. xiiis. ivd.; to six of my brother John Ponsonby's children xxl. each. And I constitute my brother, Edmund Ponsonby, my executor, to whom I bequeath the residue of my goods, &c.*

EDWARD LORD HASTINGS.

Edward Lord Hastings[1], 10th May, 1556. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of Stoke-Pogeis. To the poor, at my burial, xxl.; to a preacher, to preach three Sundays after my funeral, xls.; to the Parish Church of Stoke-Pogeis a pair of altar-cloths, a cope, and a vestment, with my arms wrought on each of them. I likewise ordain, that, on every Good Friday, for the space of three years after my death, four marks shall be distributed amongst poor people of the parish of Stoke-Pogeis. To the poor of the parish of Harfield (within which I now dwell) I bequeath xl.; and xxl. to be bestowed upon the highways in the same parish; to poor scholars in Cambridge xxl.; to poor scholars in Oxford xxl.; to the New Hospital in London xxl.; to the Observant Friers at Greenwich xxl.; to every prison in London, Westminster, and Southwark, viz. Newgate, Ludgate, Bethlehem, the Fleet,

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* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. vii. pp. 403—404.

[1] He was the second son of George Hastings, first Earl of Huntingdon of that family; having obtained the favourable consideration of Queen Mary, he was successively appointed Receiver of the Duchy of Lancaster, a Privy Counsellor, Chamberlain of the Household, and Master of the Horse. On the 19th January, 1558, he was created a Peer, by the title of Baron Hastings of Loughborough, co. Leicester; and was also elected a Knight of the Garter, but dying in 1558 without legitimate issue, his honours became extinct.

the Marshalsea, the King's Bench, both the Counters, and the Gate-house, five pounds, to be bestowed on such as live on alms. Moreover, I appoint that my executors shall build a Chapel of stone, with an altar therein, adjoining to the Church or Chancel of Stoke-Pogeis, where the late Earl of Huntingdon and the Lady his wife (my father and mother) lie buried; and that they shall cause a tomb to be made in the said Chapel, with the images of my said father and mother of stone; as also their arms placed thereon; and a vault under it for their bodies, and for the body of my brother, William Hastings, in which vault I purpose that my own body shall lie; and appoint that a plate of copper, double-gilt, shall be made, to represent my image, in harness, with the garter; and a memorial in writing of me, with my arms, to be placed upright on the wall of that Chapel, without any other tomb for me. Also, that my executors shall cause to be built, at Stoke aforesaid, five convenient chambers, with chimneys in each of them, for one chantry-priest and four poor bedesmen; and I bequeath my manor of Bosworth, in the county of Leicester, unto my nephew, Henry Lord Hastings[1], and his heirs, to maintain a priest at Stoke aforesaid, in the lodging before appointed, to sing and say mass, &c. for the souls of my father and mother, my own and my ancestors' souls, in the same Chapel, and to help the curate there in time of necessity; which priest to have a yearly stipend of x*l.* as also five loads of good fire-wood. Likewise, to the four poor men xx*l.* yearly, and every of them four loads of fire-wood, with a blue gown of broad cloth, of four yards, and a bull's head[2] on the sleeve, once in two years; which poor men to be chosen by my executors out of the parish of Stoke aforesaid, but afterwards by the Vicar of Stoke and the chantry-priest for the time being, with five of the most substantial men of that parish; and to repair daily to the same Church to hear God's service, as also to pray for the souls aforesaid, and all Christian souls. Furthermore, I will that the said Lord Hastings shall pay five pounds a year to some learned man or men, for ten sermons every year, in

[1] Afterwards third Earl of Huntingdon, K. G.

[2] The Crest of the family of Hastings.

perpetuity, in the same Church of Stoke; for every sermon xs. Lastly, I bequeath the profits of my manor of Michelcreche, in the county of Somerset, unto my executors, till Edward, my base son, shall come to the age of eighteen years, for his education; the reversion to him the said Edward, and the heirs male of his body, and, for want of such issue, to my nephew George Hastings, and the heirs male of his body*.

JOHN MONYNGS, GENT.

John Monyngs, Gent. Lieutenant of the Castle of Dover. Jane, my wife; Bathell, wife of William Hanyngton; Parnell Stockwith, my daughter; Edmund Stockwith, my daughter's husband; Joane and Katherine, my daughters; Thomas Culpepper, my servant; my sister Warren; John Monyngs, my godson; my farm of Cirdeswoode. To Thomas, my son, my tenements and lands in Elham, and my tenements and lands at Eastbridge, in Romney Marsh, in tail male; remainder to my son William, and then to my daughters successively, in like tail. My barn and land in Deal, Sholden, and Mongeham, in like manner, and likewise my parsonage of Charlton. To William, my son, all my right, part, and purport in the manor of Chequer, in Ashe, and all my lands in that parish, in tail male, with remainder to my son Thomas; to my said son William my lease of the Parsonage of Sholden; to my son Thomas my lease of the farm called Barton, with the pastures and lands belonging thereto, and of and in all the gavelkind land in the occupation of Thomas Colley, of Dover; and likewise of and in my lease of the Downes called Warden Downes; to Richard, my base son, my term of years in my Parsonage of the Leden, and the glebe lands belonging. Christopher Engeham, an infant, to whom I am guardian. My cousin, Mr. Richard Monyngs. My cousin, George Monyngs. My cousin, Thomas Hamon.

Proved at Canterbury, 21st January 1554.

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* From Dugdale's Abstract, tome i. pp. 587, 588.

SIR EDWARD MONTACUTE.

Sir Edward Montacute[1], 17th July 1556. I bequeath my soul to the blessed Trinity, and my body to be buried in Christian burial, without great pomp or great solemnity, or common dole distributed; but I will that alms be sent to the poor people, to their own homes, in the towns next adjoining, if so be I decease in the country, but if in London, then such dole to be distributed as my executors think convenient. For the reparations of the Churches of Hemyngton, Wekeley, Brigstock, Scaldwell, and Werkton; to fifty poor maidens XL s. each, towards their advancement in marriage, and to the intent that they shall pray for my soul, and the souls of Roger Radcliff, Jeffery Radcliff, and John Asheton, with all Christian souls. I will to my eldest son and heir, Edward Montagu, my great ring with a signwynarye in it, which my father gave me, that remaineth in my study at Brigstock; and my ring of gold, with my seal of arms it it; as also my ring with the best pointed diamond, and my broche with a blue saphire set in it, fashioned like a flower-de-luce; which ring, with the diamond and broche, I bought of my father Kirkham. Also, I will to him my manors, lands, and tenements in Werketon, Brigstock, Houghton, Langeport, Mallesley Holwell, Gillesborough, Brington-Magna, Brington-Parva, Grafton, and the Parsonage of Wekeley, in the county of Northampton,

[1] Ancestor of the Dukes of Manchester, &c. At an early age he entered on the study of the Law, and in the 23d Henry VIII. was called to the degree of a Serjeant; six years afterwards he was appointed Chief Justice of the King's Bench, which office he resigned in 1545, when he was removed to the Court of Common Pleas. In the question relative to the Succession to the Crown on the death of Edward VI., his official situation, and, still more, his having been nominated one of Henry's executors, necessarily involved him, in consequence of which he was imprisoned; he was, however, shortly afterwards released, though with the loss of his judicial appointment. Sir Edward Montagu died on the 10th February 1557, having been thrice married, and by his first and third wife he left a large family.

and all and singular my manors and lands in Wekeley, Denford, Benyfield, Sprotton, Luffick, and Eltington, in the said county; and in Collworth, Sirenbroke, Souldrop, Felmersham, Luton Hoo, Pertenhall, Mechelborne, Swineshed, and Woodend, in the county of Bedford; and in Knighton, in the county of Leicester; Folkesworth, Stilton, Little Styvecley, Much Styvecley, and Alconbery, in the county of Huntingdon; and all my leases, lands, tenements, &c. in the parish of St. Dunstan's in the West, London. I constitute my executors my sons Edward and Roger Montagu; and, moreover, will that they sell as much of my plate, china, rings, and jewels, as they think convenient; and that Edward, my eldest son, shall have the remainder, and all my timber and stone, as well free-stone as rough-stone, lying at Boughton, Wekeley, Brigstock, and Hemynton, or elsewhere; and if the said Edward die before he is married, the same to be equally divided between my sons Roger, Thomas, and William. I settle all my lands in tail male on my sons Edward, Roger, Thomas, William, and Simon, and the remainder to the heirs of my father, Thomas Montagu. I bequeath to my cousin, Sir Edward Sanders, Knt. one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, my book of abridgments, and Mr. Englefield's abridgment, in the keeping of Mr. Cordell, the Queen's Highness' solicitor, as my letters shew. Which Sir Edward I make supervisor of my Will, praying him to be an assured friend to my son Edward, and the rest of my children*.

JOHN MAYNARD, ESQ.

John Maynard, of St. Alban's, Esq.[1] 18th October, 3 and 4 Phil. and Mary, 1556. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of St. Michael, in St. Alban's. To my son

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* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. ii. p. 82.

[1] Ancestor of the Right Hon. Viscount Maynard. He was member for St. Alban's in the Parliament held 1st May, and died 21st October, 1556.

Ralph x*l.* yearly, for his education in the law, but if he withdraw himself from that study I will that the said annuity shall cease; also, all my goods in my dwelling-house at St. Alban's. My son's wife, the daughter of John Bridge; "Ann Bridge, his wife's daughter[1];" Henry and Robert Maynard, my sons; Dorothy, Mary, and Awdry, my daughters. And I constitute Dorothy, my wife, my executrix, and my brother, Thomas Skipwith, my overseer*.

JOHN WALPOLE, ESQ.

John Walpole, Esq.[2] 1st November 1557. I desire Thomas Lord Bishop of Ely[3] to take into his rule and government my son William, till he accomplish the age of twenty-one years. I leave my daughters Mary, Jane, Katherine, and Anne Walpole, to the government of my executors, Martin Hastings, Esq. my cousin Henry Ipylman, Esq. Robert Cook, Esq. my cousin Geoffrey Cobb, Esq. my brother Christopher Walpole, and Thomas Scarlet, my servant. Proved 16th February 1558†.

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[1] Collins' Abstract, from which this Will is taken, is written in the third person; hence it is not certain whether "*his wife's daughter*" means the daughter of the Testator's wife, or of the wife of the Testator's son.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. vi. p. 269.

[2] Of the family from which the Right Hon. the Earl of Orford is descended. He was a Serjeant at Law, and was one of the most eminent lawyers of his time. By his wife Katherine, daughter of Edmund Knyvett, Esq. (by Jane, daughter and heir of John Lord Berners,) he had the children named in his Will, but William his son and heir dying without issue, his daughters became his coheirs. Serjeant Walpole, the testator, died in 1557.

[3] Thomas Thirlby.

† From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. v. p. 39.

ALICE LADY BURGH.

Alice Lady Burgh[1], 24th March 1558. My body to be buried in the Parish Church of Ewston, by my husband, Rokewood. I will that my executors find an honest priest to pray and sing for my soul, and the souls of both my husbands, as also for the souls of my father and mother, during the space of seven years. Also, I will that they make another tomb where the Lord Burgh my husband lieth buried*.

WILLIAM FINEUX, ESQ.

William Fineux the Elder, of Herne, Esq. son and heir of Sir John Fineux, Knt. deceased. Richard, son of my cousin Thomas Fineux; Mr. Henry Oxendon; Sir John Norton. To Frediswide, my wife, my manor-house of Hawe, with the lands belonging to it, for her life. To John Fineux, my son, all such lands and tenements as came to me by inheritance, or by my purchase, in the parishes of Herne, Chisllett, Swinfeld, Alcam, Leyden, Denton, and Wotton, and also all the ground belonging to the Chauntry of Herne, now in my lands and not sold, (except that before devised to my wife for her life, which I will shall be his also after her decease,) in tail; remainder to Christopher, my son, in like tail; remainder to my own right heirs. To Christopher, my son, my lands in St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's at Hackington, Harbaldowne, Sturry, and Cosmus, Blean, in tail; remainder to my son John; remainder to my own right heirs.

Proved at Canterbury, 6th April 1557.

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[1] Dugdale does not state of whom she was the daughter, but informs us that she was twice married, first, to Thomas Lord Burgh of Gainsborough, to whom she was second wife; and, secondly, to Edmund Rokewood.

* From Dugdale's Abstract, vol. ii. p. 289.

JOHN HONYWOOD, ESQ.

John Honywood, late of Newington, near Hythe, Esq.[a] My body to be buried in the Cathedral Church of Canterbury. To Myldred, my wife, my house at St. Gregorie's. To Thomas Honywood, my son, all the ornaments pertaining to my Chapel at Sene. My lands in Dimchurch and Burmarsh, late purchased of my nephew, John Knight. To my son Thomas my manor of Caseborne, in Cheriton, and my mansion-house called Sene, and all my lands in Newington, Cheriton, and Saltwode, and my lands called Boundlesse, in Newchurch, Bilsington, Bonnington, Alinton, and Browm'she, excepting all those lands called the Ovyn, in Dimchurch and Browm'she, and lands called Crowlands, in Newchurch, Eastbrige, and Orgarswicke, to hold to him and his heirs male, according to an indenture before made of them, to my said son Thomas. To the said Thomas, likewise, my lease of lands called Blackwore, or Canon Courte, and another of Senewarde. To John, my son, my lands called the Ovyn, in Dimchurch and Borowm'she, and my manor of Enbroke, in Cheriton, and all the lands in Cheriton now in the said John's occupation (except the said lands called Boundlesse), to hold to him and his heirs for ever. I bequeath all my lands called Crowelands, above-mentioned, to Christopher, my son, in tail male; remainder to Thomas, remainder to John, in like tail; remainder to my own right heirs. Witness, Richard Engeham, Thomas Hales, &c.

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[a] Ancestor of the Baronets of this family. He married Mildred, daughter of John Hales, Baron of the Exchequer. Thomas his eldest son, and Christopher the youngest, were Members of Parliament for Hythe 26, 27, and 29 Eliz. but died s. p. leaving John, their brother, their heir.

EDWARD COPE.

Edward Cope, of Hardwick, in the county of Oxford, 20th June, 1557. My body to be buried in Banbury Church, in the county of Oxford. I bequeath my lands in Hanwell and Hardwick, in the county of Oxford, to my son William, when he shall arrive at full age; in the mean time, I will that my father, Walter Mohun, and my wife Elizabeth, shall hold them, to the use of my daughters[1]. To my younger sons, my lands in Banbury, in fee, to be equally divided. Proved 28th July 1557*.

SIR JOHN COPE.

Sir John Cope, of Ashby, in the county of Northamp ton, 2d July 1557. My body to be buried in the North aisle in Ashby Church, if I die within a hundred miles of it. To Edward Cope, son of my son and heir Erasmus Cope, deceased, my great gilt standing-cup with branches, which James King of Scots, amongst other things, gave to William Cope, my great-grandfather. My son George Cope, to whom I have already given lands in the counties of Berks, Warwick, and Northampton. To my youngest son, Anthony Cope, my lands in Byfield, in the county of Northampton, and the lease of the farm of the Rectory or Parsonage of Woodford cum Hinton and Farndon, in the said county, and the lease of my house in Halliwell, in Shoreditch. My wife Margaret; my daughters, Elizabeth Dryden and Joan Cope. My late father, William Cope. Proved 20th May, 1558*.

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[1] Qu.? "filiars" or "filiors."

* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

ANTHONY COPE.

Anthony Cope, of Adston, in the county of Northampton, 6th June, 1558. My body to be buried in the church of Ashby, near my father, Sir John Cope. My wife Eleanor, sister of Sir Humphry Stafford, and daughter of Dame Margaret Cope. To my brother George Cope my lands in Eydon, in the county of Northampton. My brother-in-law, John Dryden. Proved 20th December 1558 *.

WILLIAM COPE.

William Cope, of Ashton, in the county of Northampton, 9th December, 1558. My body to be buried in the Church of Ufford. To Stephen Harrington, son of my sister, my capital messuage in Henbury, in the county of Oxford, for forty years. My three daughters. My wife Joyce.

Proved 6th February 1559 *.

MARGARET MYLLS.

Margaret Mylles, of Wingham, Gentlewoman: My natural son, Ralphe Mylles; my cousin, Richard Engham, of Northgate, Canterbury; my daughter, Anne Warham; Nicholas Mylles, my natural son; Henry Oxenden, of Herne, Gent.; my son-in-law, Richard Thornhill, of Cheapside, London, grocer; William Mylles, my son's son; Margery Mylles, my son's daughter; Margaret Thornhill, my natural daughter, in London; Anne Warham, my natural daughter; Richard Warham, my son-in-law; Edward Warham, Gent.

Proved at Canterbury, 13th February 1558.

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* Ex inform. George Baker, Esq.

JOHN CRYPPS, ESQ.

John Crypps, of Monkton, Esq. My body to be buried in the Church there. I will that my executors place my arms in the next window to where I may lie. Anne, my wife; Frediswide and Aveys, my daughters; Anne and Mary, daughters of Richard Lee, Esq.; my brother, Sir Henry Cripps, Knt.; Gervas Lynche, Priest; my lease of Mr. Dingley's land; my brother William Crypps; Nicholas Cripps; Richard, my son and heir. To Henry, my son, my lands and tenements in Romney Marsh, and at Hawe and Feeles Court, (except the lands belonging to Cleve Court, in the parish of Minster, and the wood belonging to it,) to him and his heirs for ever. To Richard, my son, my house and lands called Cleve Court, with their appurtenances, and all my lands in Minster, Monkton, and Woodchirch, (the lands of Hawe and Feele's Court only excepted,) and my lands and outlands at Acolte, in Birchington and Monketon, to hold to him in fee simple. To the said Richard, likewise, my garden in the parish of Kyngeston, and also in Mansh, called South Lees, in St. Michael's at Wade.

Proved at Canterbury, 8th October 1558.

SIR THOMAS HASTINGS, KNT.

In the name, &c. I, Sir Thomas Hastings, Knt. &c.[1]

[1] He was the second son of George, first Earl of Huntingdon, and brother of Edward Lord Hastings, whose Will is inserted in p. 740. In 1555 and 1556 he was Sheriff of Warwick and Leicester, which Shire Dugdale says he represented in Parliament 1 and 2 Philip and Mary; and married Winifred, (afterwards the wife of Sir Thomas Barrington,) daughter and coheir of Henry Pole, Lord Montagu, son of Sir Richard Pole, K. G. by Margaret Plantagenet, Countess of Salisbury, daughter and heiress of George Duke of Clarence. Sir Thomas Hastings, the testator, died without issue in 1558.

ordeyn this my testament, &c. 28th March 1558. My body to be buried in the parish church of Stoke Pogeis, or within the chapell there, being lately founded and erected at the only chardges of my most entirely beloved brother Edward Lord Hastings of Loughborough, Lord Chamberlayn of the Queen's Majestie's Houshold. Item, I give to the said parish church of Stoke, towards the mayntenance of the same in reparation, XL s. Item, to the same church, my best chalice of silver and gilt, and a vestment of russet-velvet, with the awbe, and all things pertaining to the furniture of the same. Item, &c. to the vicar of Stoke aforesaid, to pray to God for my soule and the soules of my ancestors, XX s. Item, &c. to the four almesmen and two almeswomen, within the almes-house of Stoke, being of the foundation of my said entirely beloved brother, to every of them XX s. apiece. To the fryers of St. Bartholomew in London, XL s.; to the fryers of Grenewich, XL s.; to the nuns of Langley, XL s.; to the prisoners within the four prisons in London, viz. Ludgate, Newgate, the King's Bench, and the Marshalsea, to every of the said houses, XL s. Provided always, that if it shall please God to call me out of this transitory life, I being removed out of the citty of London and suburbs of the same, then I will, that the sumes of money above bequeathed to the prisoners, or prisons, shall be distributed to and among the poore of the parish where it shall fortune me to dye, &c. according to the discretion of myne executrix, &c.; that she, with such of my goods as shall come to her hands, shall forthwith after my decease provide and hyer one honest virtuous priest, to say and celebrate the divine sacrifice of the masse, within the church or chapell wherein I shall fortune to be buryed, during the space of three years then next following, &c.; in daily celebrating of which said divine service and sacrifice, I will that special commemoration and prayer be made for my soule and the soules of my late father George Earl of Huntingdon and Anne his wife, and for all Cristen soules. Item, I will that my wife shall keep in houshold all my houshold servants, &c. which I shall fortune to have in my check-roll, for and during the

space of one year after my decease, &c. The residue of all my goods, &c. not above bequeathed, I do hereby give, &c. to my entirely beloved wife, Winifrede Hastings, &c. And of the execution, &c. of the same my present testament, I make and ordeyn my said wife chief and sole executrix, &c. Item, I give, &c. to my right ho'ble and wel-beloved brethren, my Lord Huntingdon, and Lord Hastings of Loughborough, Lord Chamberlaine of the Queene's Majestie's Houshold, to either of them one standing-cup of sylver and gylt, every one of them being of the value of xx nobles, &c. And I most humbly and most heartily desier and pray my most reverend father in God, and my most singular beloved uncle, my Lord Cardinall's grace[1], to be overseer of this my present testament, &c.; and I give and bequeath to his grace, for his paynestaking therein, a cup of silver and gylt, of the value of ten pounds, &c. In witnesse, &c.

Proved at Canterbury 4 & 5 Philip and Mary, 1558*.

WILLIAM LORD WINDSOR.

William Wyndesore, of Bradenham, in the county of Buckingham, Knight, Lord Wyndesore[2], August 10, 1558. My body to be buried on the right side of the choir, within the Parish Church of Bradenham, and the right side of the same Church, if I decease within the county of Buckingham; but, if I die elsewhere within the Realm, then my body to be buried in the Conventual Parish Church of Friers, in Hounslowe, within the county of Middlesex, in

[1] His wife's uncle, the celebrated Cardinal Pole.

* From Nichols's Leicestershire, vol. iii. p. 577.

[2] Second Lord Windsor, and ancestor of the present Earl of Plymouth. This nobleman was a personage of considerable importance, and appears to have stood high in the favour of Queen Mary, by whom he was honoured with several confidential appointments. He was thrice married, and had issue seven sons and nine daughters; and dying on the 20th of August 1558, was succeeded in the Barony by his eldest surviving son Sir Edward Windsor, Knight.

such place as shall be thought most decent and convenient by my executors, if it shall so come to pass, that the Church of Hounslowe, at the time of my decease, be a parish church. Also, I will that my burial entertainment and anniversary be conveniently kept in such Church as my body is buried in, according to my degree and estate, with such cloathing for the Lady my wife, my children, and menial and household servants, with such moneys as shall be appointed by my executors, at the several days of my burial and anniversary; and that vi*l.* xiiii*s.* iiii*d.* be given among poor householders, on the day of my interment; also, I will that, from and after my decease, there be yearly kept on the Monday next before the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, where my body shall be buried, one anniversary service, according to the godly order of the holy Catholic Church, with certain priests and clerks, to pray for my soule, and the soules of Andrews Lord Wyndesore, my father, Thomas Wyndesore, Esq. my grandfather, and all their wives, ancestors, friends, and childrens souls, and all Christian soules. And I will that my son, Philip, for ever yearly, the said Monday, or before, cause to be paid to the Minister, or other governour or governess of the house of Hounslowe, for the time being, a yearly rent of xxxiiii*s.* iiii*d.* out of my manor of Cranford le Mote, at Cranford St. John's, in the county of Middlesex, and, in default of payment thereof, the said Minister or Governor, &c. may distrain for it; and be divided among the priests and clerks that shall sing and say mass and dirige, and amongst the poor householders of Hounslowe. I bequeath to the Vicar of Heriard, for his tythes forgotten, xiii*s.* iiii*d.* I will to Sir Edward Windsore, Knt. my eldest son and heir apparent, my arras, tapestry, beds and bedding, pillowes, sheets, blankets, &c. there and now being at Bradenham; also, all my chapel stuff, apparell, and ornaments at Bradenham; and all the great kitchen stuff at Bradenham, as potts, pans, spittes, plates, dishes, &c. and all other necessaries. I bequeath to Walter Windsor, my son, and William Windsor, my son, beds, &c.; also, to Philip, my son, household stuff remaining at Heriard, in the county of South-

ampton. I will that my son William, when he is twenty-one years of age, have my indenture of the Prebend and Parsonage of Thame, towards his finding, either at school, at Oxford, or in one of the inns of court, or of chancery; and I further bequeath, to him and his heirs, the manor of Monks-Risborough, with my copyhold lands in Ascote, in the county of Buckingham, and other lands, called Lichingams, Brandes, and Champions. I bequeath to my son, Sir Edward Windsore, my lease of Towresay, and all profits thereof, which I had of the late Edward Ferrers, of Badsley, my son-in-law; also, all my estate, after the life of Lady Knightly, in the manors of Barleyham, Wilsham, Aldam, Taston, Darnesdon, and Barkings, in the county of Suffolk, and during all the term of the life of the said Lady Knightly, paying to her yearly two hundred marks, as by indenture appeareth. And for the disposition of my plate, I will that my said son Edward shall have that which was bequeathed to him by the Lord Andrew Windsor, my late father, which I entail on him and his heirs male, and in default, according to the will of my father, Andrews Lord Windsor. To my sons Walter and William plate, &c. I will that my daughter Ann take to her husband John Danvers, if they be so contented. Whereas there is owing to me, by the Earl of Oxford, a thousand marks, I will my executors to get it into their hands at such times as it shall be due, and out of it pay my son, Walter Windsor, one hundred pounds, and the residue towards the performance of my will. I bequeath to every gentleman, or gentlewoman, at the day of my death, xxvi *s.* viii *d.* every yeoman xx *s.* and every other servant xxx *s.* iiii *d.* I bequeath to my son Philip my farm of Allesborne, in the county of Suffolk; and I will that all my stocks of cattle at Heriard, in the county of Southampton, remain to the Lady Elizabeth, now my wife, for her life, and after her decease, to Philip and Elizabeth, the children of the said Elizabeth, and me the said Lord Windsor, and Mary Powlet, daughter to my said wife. Also, I will to my said son, Philip, such plate as is severed and sorted at Bradenham, and a cup which King Philip gave him to his christening, and a standing cup gilt and cover, given at his

christening by the Bishop of Winchester, and a drinking cup of silver and cover, given him by the Lady Marquis of Winchester his godmother. And my mind is, that the Lady Elizabeth, my wife, being his natural mother, shall have only the custody thereof during her life, putting in sufficient sureties to my executors for the deliverance thereof to my son Philip after her decease, and to my daughter Elizabeth, if the said Philip die before his said mother. Also, I will that my wife have, during her life, my house in Mogwell-street, in London, called Windsor-Place, with the garden, and all hangings of tapestry and arras, during her life, and being unmarried; also, my new lodging there, adjoining to London Wall, with the appurtenances in the Ward of Cripplegate, London; and, after her decease, to my next heir male, to whom I give the said new building and garden, and not to be severed from Windsor-Place; likewise the manor of Snaylesham, in Icklesham, and Gestling parishes, that she holds in jointure. I further will, that all such debts as I owe, as also my father's that are unpaid, be well and truly contented by my executors, with all convenient speed. I will that the Lady Elizabeth, my wife, Sir Thomas White, of Southwarnborow, and my executors, have the governance and finding of my said son Philip, and daughter Elizabeth, until my son comes to the age of twenty-one years, and my daughter to eighteen years. I ordain executors of my will, Dr. White, Bishop of Winchester, with a legacy of x *l.*; Lord Chidioke Poulet, vi *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.*; Sir John Baker, Knt. xiii *l.* xvi *s.* viii *d.*; Sir Thomas White, of Southwarnborow, x *l.*; and William Roper, Gent.; and overseers, the Marquis of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England, to whom I bequeath xx *l.*; and Sir George Paulet, the other overseer, vi *l.* xiii *s.* iiii *d.* praying them to accept it in good part. The residue of my goods, chattels, &c. (except my harness, armory, weapons, guns, shot and powder, and my tent, which I give to my son Sir Edward Windsor,) I bequeath to my son Philip, and Elizabeth his sister; and, if they decease before the age of twenty-one, then to remain to my son Sir Edward Windsor, and his heirs male. To my grand-

sons and grand-daughters, plate, &c. Provided always, and my full mind and will is, that if my said executors, and every of them, do refuse and deny to take on them the probation and execution of this my last will, contrary to such trust and confidence as I have in them put, as I do verily trust they will not, then I will that my said son, Sir Edward Windsore, shall in no wise attempt or make any enterprize in or concerning this my will, or the order or administration of any of my goods and chattells, debts or credits. But I will that the said Elizabeth, my wife, and Sir Thomas White, Knt. or the survivor of them, shall, on such refusal, take on them the execution of my said will, according to the purport and tenor of the same. My manors of Bradenham and Penne, called Bealing's; also, my lands, &c. in Cheping-Wycombe and West-Wycombe, and Weston-Turvile, called Molen's manor, and Butler's manor, in the towns of Weston-Turvile and Puttenham, and Ascot, in the counties of Buckingham and Hertford; the manor of Millcourt, in the county of Southampton; the manors of Elmanston, Amstanton, Hatton, Bentley, Thurwaston, Alkemanton and Alkemanton-Bentley, in the county of Derby; the manor of Maidley-Home, in the county of Stafford; also, the manors of Medeley, Houghton, and Belyngley, in the counties of York and Nottingham, immediately after the decease of Dorothy Lady Windsor, wife of Sir Thomas Windsor, Knt. and the manor of Mynchinhampton and Penberve, in the county of Gloucester, together with the manor of Cranford St. John's, Cranford le Mote, with the appurtenances, in the county of Middlesex, which I will to remain to my son Philip, and his heirs for ever, yielding and paying out of the premises, to the Monastery of Hounslow, forty pounds yearly, at the feasts of Our Lady and St. Michael; and, for lack of issue male of the said Philip, to remain to William Windsor, and his heirs male; and in default, to Sir Edward Windsor, and his heirs male. I also will, that my executors pay for the making up of the Friers' House in Hounslow, and for the obtaining of the lease and reversion of the domains of the said house, which one Rone, the auditor, now hath. I

will the manor of Southcote, with the lands in Birfield and Shinfield, in Berkshire, to the Lady Elizabeth, my wife, if she lives sole and unmarried, and to her heirs male; in default, to Sir Edward Wyndsor, Knt. my eldest son, and his heirs male, with remainder to my sons Walter Windsor and William Windsor, and their heirs male, in default, to my own right heirs. I further bequeath to Walter Windsor, my son, my manors of Lushill, the third part of Hendonweeke, and the manor of Sopworth, in Wiltshire, to him and his heirs male, in default, to the right heirs of him, the said William Lord Windsor. And to my son, William Windsor, and the heirs male of his body (with like limitation), the third part of the manor of Langage, with the advowson, the manor of Chipenham, and all the lands purchased of Giles Wilson, in Hydon-Wyke, Kerson, Mylford, Hepton, and Crowbridge, in Wiltshire and Somersetshire. I bequeath to Sir Edward Windsor, my son and heir, the Advowson and Parsonage of Monks-Risborough, with the glebe-land; and law-day, at Ascote, once in the year to be kept; and to him, or who shall be his next heir, my manor of Okebrook within Chadesden, in the county of Derby, the manor of Tredberk, with Brodsley, in the counties of Worcester and Warwick; the manors of Hedeley and Hursmere, in Surrey; the manor of Eton, near Windsor, in Buckinghamshire; the manors of Bailham, Willesham, Goodeford, Rowes, Aldenham, Taston-hall, and Brandeford, in the county of Suffolk; the manor of Farnham and White-Waltham, in Berkshire; the manor of Stoke-Doile in the county of Northampton; the manor of Bunkhurst, in Wiltshire; a tenement in Mogil-street, and a tenement in Lothbury, called the Abby, and the house called Windsor-Place, sometime Westmoreland-Place, in Silver-street, in London; the reversion of the manor of Boneforden, in Stoke-Pogey, &c. with lands in reversion in Stanwell, in Middlesex, some time of the Monastery of Ankerwike. All which I entail on my heirs male; and, in default, on the heirs male of my father, Andrews Lord Windsor. Proved December 10th, 1558 *.

* Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. iv. p. 90.

THOMAS ONSLOW.

Thomas Onslow, Gent.[1] 10th August 1556. To all the children of Thomas Onslow, my son and heir, cc marks, to be equally divided amongst them; and, if he have no children at the time of my decease, then to the said Thomas. To all the children of Isabel Onslow, my daughter, cc marks, with remainder to the said Isabel. To William Onslow, my brother, xxx *l.*; to Arthur, son of the said William, vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*; to Edward Onslow, son of Humphrey Onslow, my brother, vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*; to Fulke, son of Roger Onslow, my brother, x *l.* I appoint Thomas Onslow, my son, my executor, and Humphrey Onslow, my brother, and Richard Onslow, son to Roger Onslow, my brother, supervisors. To the said Richard Onslow, for his pains taken in my affairs at divers times, c marks; and in case my son Thomas Onslow, and my daughter Isabel, shall die before me, then I appoint the aforesaid Edward Onslow, and Richard Onslow, my executors.

Proved 15th May, 1560*.

SIR NICHOLAS PELHAM.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Sir Nicholas Pelham, of Laughton, otherwise Laston, in the county of Sussex[2],

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[1] Of the family from which the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow is descended.

* From Collins' Abstract, ed. 1779, vol. vii. p. 238.

[2] Ancestor of the Earl of Chichester. He was elected a Representative in Parliament for the Borough of Arundel in 1547; was Sheriff of Sussex and Surrey in 1549; and received the honour of knighthood at Westminster on the 17th November in the same year. In the 4th and 5th Philip and Mary, and in 1558-9, he was Knight of the Shire for the county of Sussex, and died 15th December, 1560. His wife was Anne, daughter of

Knighte, the vi daye of February, in the yere of our Lord God 1559, and in the second yere of our most dread Soveraigne Ladie Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene of Englonde, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defendor of the Faith, etc. being whole of bodie, and of good and perfecte memory, our Lord God be praised, knowing and considering the brittleness of this short transcitory lyef, do make this my present testamente and laste wille, of certaine my manors, landes, tenements, and hereditaments, and of all my goods and chattals, in manner and forme hereafter following; revoking, and plainely, by these presents, annulling all other testaments and wills heretofore by me made by worde or writing. First, knowledginge my self a grevus offender and sinner against the lawes and commaundiments of Almighty God, through the frailetie of this mortal flesh, and suerdley trusting unto his most swete and comfortable promise, that in whatsoever hour the sinner doth bewaile and repent his synnes, that he will graciously here hym, and receive him to his Savior. I, hartely repenting my sinful lyef, and being in parfecte love and charitie with all men, do righte so aske of Almightie God, mercies and forgiveness of my said offences and sinnes, certainely believing, that through the merits of Christ's blessed passion, to be accompted and received among his elect, and chosen to the most joyus and everlasting kingdom of God, according to his licke promis made unto all them which faithfully believe in him; of which number, I trust dughtless to be one: and my boddie, which after my soule departeth from the same is but yerth,

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John Sackville, Esq. by whom he had issue six sons and four daughters; of the latter, Mary married John Thatcher, of Priesthaws, co. Sussex; and Anne was the wife of Thomas Shirley, of Isfield, in the same county, Esq. This Will, though dated a few years after the period with which this Collection professes to close, is introduced as an example of the religious sentiments expressed in Testaments after the Protestant became the authorized religion in this Country. The singular contrast which it forms to the superstition and bigotry exhibited in the preceding Wills printed in this Volume, cannot fail to be particularly noticed.

I wil it be buried by the discretion of my executors and overseers. I will to Dame Anne, my wife, my manor called Colbornes, with the appurtenances, and my lands called Poundfelde and Frotsham, Scottes, and Murlands, in the rape of Laughton, during her life, as also a yearly rent of xxx *l.* out of the three manors of Burwish, Bevelham, and Crowhurst, in the rape of Hastings; likewise the manor of Cowden, on condition she find and bring up Thomas Pelham, my second son, in virtue and learning, till he comes to the age of eighteen years, and then to pay him out of the said manors xx *l.* *per annum* during his life. I bequeath also to the said Dame Ann my wife, all my lands, called Melwoods, Cresselands, Yonge, Wikeland, and Hired, otherwise called Highred and Farthingland, lying in Laughton, on condition she bring up, in virtue and learning, Robert Pelham, my youngest son, till he comes to the age of eighteen years, and then to pay my said son xx *l.* yearly. And if so be my said wife dyes before my said sons accomplish the age of eighteen yeres, I then will the issues of the said lands to my heir, paying unto them the said yerely rent. I further bequeath to Dame Ann, my wife, half my plate, and three hundred pounds in old gold, in the hands of my uncle, Anthony Pelham, as also my interest in the Parsonage of Glynds. And to my daughter, Anne Pelham, towards her finding and bringing up, until such time as she shall be married, x *l.* yearly, and five hundred marks, and all her apparel, at the day of her marriage; and if she happens to dye before she be married, that then Ann Thatcher and Margery Thatcher, my daughter's daughters, have each of them one hundred marks out of the five hundred so bequeathed, to be paid them at the days of their marriage. The residue of all my goods, chattels, plate, jewels, and ready money, my debts paid, and my last will in all things performed, I give and bequeath to John Pelham, my eldest son, whom I ordain my sole executor; and George Goring, William Morley, and John Leighe, Esquires, overseers; and into thy hands, O Lorde, I commende my spirite; Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth. Nicholas Pelham.

Witness, my brother, Edward Pelham, and four others*.

* From Collins' Peerage, ed. 1779, vol. viii. p. 121.

ADDENDA.

RICHARD CHANDOS, OR DE LA WICHE,

BISHOP OF CHICHESTER, COMMONLY CALLED

ST. RICHARD.

I, Richard, by Divine Permission Bishop of Chichester, &c.[1] 1253. I bequeath my body to be buried in the Cathedral Church of Chichester, in the nave, near the altar of St. Edward the Confessor. to the building of the Church xl *l.* To the Friars Minor of Chichester my psalter glosed, and xx*s.*; to the same at Lewes, the Evangelists Luke and John, and xx*s.*; to the same at Winchelsea, Mark and Matthew, and xx*s.*; to the Friars Preachers at Arundel, the Book of Sentences, and xx*s.*; to the same at Canterbury, the Prophet Hosea, glosed, and xx*s.*; to the Friars Minors of the same town, Isaiah, glosed; to the Friars Preachers of London, the Book of Job, Acts of the Apostles, Canonical Epistles, and the Revelations, glosed, or with a commentary, all in one volume; to the Friars Minors there, the Epistles of St. Paul, glosed; to the Friars Preachers of Winton, the "Summarium;" and to the Friars Minors

[1] He was consecrated Bishop of Chichester in 1245, and died, according to Le Neve, on the 2d or 3d of April, 1253. After his death he was canonized. An imperfect abstract of this Will is given in p. 47 of this Work; but the above is inserted from Dallaway's Western Sussex, vol. i. p. 47, because it is a much longer and more satisfactory account of its contents. No date is affixed to his will, but as his anniversary was kept on the 3d April 1254, it is certain that he died in the previous year. Some curious particulars of the Testator will be found in the History of Sussex just cited; and in several Wills in this collection, different relics of him are bequeathed as valuable gifts.

of the said town, the twelve Apostles, glosed, and xx*s.* For the aid of the expedition to the Holy Land, I bequeath L marks, to be paid to Robert Chandos, my brother, that he may go for me, if it be his will, but to a substitute if he should decline to go. To the Abbot of Lacock my great mazer bowl; to the Abbot of Marham, in Norfolk, another mazer bowl; to Walter Camden two pitchers and one cup of silver; to William de Selsey my Bible, with a rough cover of skin; to Fulinus, a monk, the books of Damascene, with some others; to William, a monk of Colchester, the small book of St. Anselm. Likewise, to Willard, my cook, x marks; to Adam, my butler, c marks; to Richard, my baker, x marks; to John Radley, my marshal, c *s.*; to John, the keeper of my palfreys, VI marks; to Henry, my boy, the nephew of J. Sunning, of Ferring, and likewise to the boys my servitors, not named to my executors, c *s.* to be shared by the said boys at their discretion; to John, Bishop of Norwich my seal and ring, and the salt-cellars placed before me when at table; to Simon Clymping my best palfrey, with my book of all virtues, and notes upon the psalter, and the silver bowl which Simon Langfrers gave me; to William de Berambre a bowl of silver, and a small book concerning the vices; to Robert of Hastings my book of Decretals; to the Bishop of Arles a silver cup, which the Abbot of Battle gave me; to John Mansel and Hugh of St. Edmundsbury, an altar-cloth which was given me by the Abbot of Battle; my cross, which the Earl of Lincoln gave me, to Edward Lucy and W. Kemsey; to the marriage of one of the daughters of my sister xx marks; to Niget, my bailiff of Aldingbourne, and Richard, bailiff of Oakeham, c *s.* each, to be paid from these lands.

WALTER FRAMPTON, MAYOR OF BRISTOL.

Walter Frampton, 6th December 1388. He leaves his wife a large property, with this strict injunction. "Item

volo, quod quam cito dicta Isabella se maritaverit (vel quod absit), scortata fuerit, et hoc probari poterit, quod ex tunc executores mei si vivant, intrent et penes se retineant, omnia prædictu tenementa, &c. prædictæ Isabellæ, superius legatæ, et eam totaliter inde expellant in perpetuo' factâ prius trinâ proclamatione, cum tubâ, ad altam crucem[1]."

WILLIAM BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

In the name and honour of the most high and undivided Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. Since every thing which is created in time will be destroyed in time, and since every mortal living gradually passes away and fails, until it arrives at its last termination, which is death; and I know not how long I may exist, and when my Maker may take me away, since I am daily, during my warfare, expecting the arrival of my change, I, William of Wykeham, by permission of the Most High, the humble though unworthy Minister of the Cathedral Church of Winton[2], being continually anxious and im-

[1] This very severe prohibition of a second marriage, or concealed concubinage, occurs in several other wills of the inhabitants of Bristol, dated about this period, and was probably therefore considered by the prudent burgesses as a proper precaution. The practice of holding auctions after three proclamations made by sound of trumpet, at the high cross, is a curious evidence of a local custom. The abstract in the text is given in the original words from its singularity, but the remaining part of the will has not sufficient interest to render a longer abstract desirable.

[2] The name and character of this distinguished personage are so well known that it is unnecessary in this place to state much beyond the dates of the most eventful circumstances of his life. He was born at Wykeham in Hampshire between the 7th of July and 27th of September in the 18th year of Edward II. 1324, and is generally supposed to have taken his name from the place of his birth, though many circumstances noticed by Bishop

pressed with these serious reflections, not resting my hope on this present short life, which is a vapour appearing for a brief space and suddenly passing away, knowing that I must necessarily depart from this vale of misery, but being ignorant of the day and hour of my departure, and desiring to anticipate my death before I go to Him that sent me, to the honour of my Creator, and of the Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God, and for the salvation of my soul, and for the remission of all my faults and sins, I ordain

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Lowth tend to prove that it was the name of his parents. In a pedigree, however, preserved in an ancient register of Winchester College, given in Dr. Lowth's Life of the Prelate, and printed in a following page, his father is described as John Longe, "but whether it was the proper surname, or a personal bye-name [or soubriquet] given him on account of his stature, in which case his true surname might be Aas, the same that was borne by his brother Henry, it is neither material nor possible to determine." At an early period of his life he was secretary to Nicholas Uvedale, Lord of the Manor of Wykeham, and Governor of Winchester Castle, by whom he was recommended to Edyngton Bishop of Winchester, and by them introduced to the notice of King Edward the Third, who, it is well known, patronized him in a munificent manner. After receiving various ecclesiastical benefices and dignities, he was in 1367 consecrated Bishop of Winchester, the Congé d'Elire for his election to which See was dated on the 13th October 1366, William de Edyngton, the preceding Bishop, having died on the 8th of that month. The various attempts of the Bishop's enemies, in the latter part of his life, to ruin his fortunes, his own conduct on the occasions, and still more those splendid endowments which still render Wykeham's name an object of admiration to the world, and of gratitude to his kindred, have been justly expatiated upon by his able biographer, and by historians. Bishop Wykeham died on the 27th September 1404, having completed his 80th year. His Will is translated at length, because it affords a perfect specimen of the testaments of persons of his wealth and importance, early in the fifteenth century; and because, independently of many curious bequests, the mention made of his kindred may be a useful guide to those who believe themselves entitled to the benefits arising from his institutions.

and make my testament or last will, with a sound mind and pure heart, after this manner. Imprimis, I bequeath and recommend my soul to Almighty God, my Creator and Saviour, who made it out of nothing, imploring his mercy with a humble heart, and beseeching that he would deign to place it, of his great mercy, among his elect. Item, I bequeath my body, when I shall have departed from this light, to be delivered to ecclesiastical burial in the middle of a certain Chapel lately built by me in the nave of the said Church, on the South side of the same. But concerning my goods, which the mercy of my Saviour hath conferred on me, I thus dispose, will, ordain, and bequeath; viz. That, over and above the expenses to be laid out upon my funeral, to the honour and praise of God, whose servant I am; which I entrust to the disposal of my executors and friends, that all my debts, whatsoever may be due to any persons, from whatever cause arising, shall be fully and entirely paid, without any hesitation, contradiction, impediment, or delay; and then that the underwritten legacies shall be fully and entirely paid, concerning which, however, I charge the consciences of my executors, that they shall perform and execute in all respects whatever hereafter is specified and bequeathed, fully, well, faithfully, and entirely, &c. as they shall themselves be willing to answer before the Supreme Judge, my Lord Jesus Christ. Also, I bequeath that in the castle, manor, or whatsoever other place in which I may happen to die, my executors shall give and distribute to the more infirm and indigent persons of my tenants of my Bishoprick, and in every place through which my body may happen to pass to my Church of Winchester, to pray for the salvation of my soul, to each IV*d.*; and to every other asking alms for the love of God, II*d.* or I*d.* at least, according to the discretion of my executors. Item, I ordain that my executors shall distribute, on the day of my burial, to every poor person who comes to Winchester and asks alms for the love of God, and prays for the salvation of my soul IV*d.* Item, I bequeath CC*l.* to be divided among the poor prisoners in the prisons of Newgate in London, the King's Bench,

Marshalsea, Wolveseye, Winchester, Oxford, Berks, Guildford, Old and New Sarum, for the love of God and the health of my soul. Item, because God loves the honour of his house, and the place of his habitation, to the honour and praise of God himself, and of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of St. Mary his Mother, and of his Apostles Peter and Paul, and the Patrons of my said Church, also of St. Berinus, St. Swithin, and St. Edda, and St. Ethelwolf, whose bodies and relics are deposited in the said Church, I will that my executors shall honestly and honourably cause to be rebuilt the body or middle of the said Church, between the North and South aisles, from the West gate, or entrance of the choir of the said Church, backwards, to the West end of the said Church, in the walls, windows, and vaults, conformably and decently, according as the form and manner of the new work of the said aisles shall require, &c. and duly rebuild the same, to the amount of MMD marks, if so much be necessary to be expended on the same, upon condition that the Prior and Convent of the said Church shall find the whole scaffold necessary, or even convenient, for the said work, and that they shall freely and gratuitously permit and allow the lime and sand from the lands and quarries of themselves and their tenants, wherever my executors shall consider that it can be best dug and carried away by the workmen, for the greater expedition of the said work, until the whole be completed, in the same manner that the stones, ironwork, glass, and other old materials, shall remain and be converted to the use of the new work. Also, I ordain that the disposal and direction of the new work shall be in the hands of Master William Wynford, and other sufficient and discreet artizans. And that Dominus Symon Membury, the present supervisor and paymaster, shall in future be the paymaster and supervisor of the said work, under the supervisal and testimony and "contra-rotulatione" of Brother John Wayte, monk of the said Church, and now, on the part of the aforesaid Prior and Convent, the comptroller, as long as he shall be in health, and able to undertake the same, but, if he should be unable, then by the supervisal,

&c. of another monk of the said Church, to be named by the aforesaid Prior and Convent. And that the payments for the said work shall be made from time to time, at the discretion of my executors, or at least of five of them. To the repairs of the windows of the South side of the said Church D marks; and I also ordain that they shall be made of stained glass. Item, I bequeath to my Lord the King one pair of silver gilt covered pitchers, with double roses[1] engraved on the bottom of the same; and I remit to my said Lord the King the sum of D *l.* in money borrowed of me[2]. Item, I bequeath to my Lord the Archbishop of Canterbury[3], one gold ring with a stone of ruby; likewise a pair of beads of gold, appended from a bracelet of gold[4], having these words engraved on them, J. H. C. est amor meus.; also, one elemosynary dish, newly made, in the form of a ship. Item, I bequeath to my successor in the Bishoprick of Winchester my best book, "*De Officio Pontificali,*" which begins in the second leaf, "*Dicant Excepto;*" also, my best missal, which begins in the second leaf after the Calendar, "*Tum Angelum;*" also, I bequeath to my said successor my larger gold pontifical ring with a sapphire stone, surrounded and ornamented with four balas-rubies[5] and two small diamonds, and eleven pearls; also, my better gold chalice, enamelled on the foot with figures of the Passion; "Item, Ponsere[6] meum meliorem," worked and ornamented with four rubies and CXLI pearls. Item, I bequeath to the

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[1] Argent, two chevronels Sable between three *roses*, were the Bishop's arms.

[2] Vide a Note on the subject of the King's debts to Bishop Wykeham in Lowth's Life of the Prelate, p. 262.

[3] Thomas Fitz-Alan.

[4] *Precum*, a pair of beads, the same as *Precularum*, thus described by Du Cange: "Preculata, globulorum sacrorum series ut videtur nostris chapelet; "unum par *precularum* de coral;" "unum par *precularum* argenti," &c.

[5] In the original *Baleys*, *Balois*, i. e. a species of rubies of a vermeil rose colour. *Chambers.*

[6] This word is not to be found in Du Cange's or any other glossary.

Reverend Father in God, Robert Bishop of London[1], my great red bed of silk, which usually hangs in the great chamber of the Palace of Winchester, with the whole suit of red tapestry belonging to the said chamber, which I am accustomed to use with the same. Item, I bequeath to my Church of Winchester my new vestment of blue cloth, striped and embroidered with lions of gold, with thirty copes of the same cloth, embroidered with the history of Jesse in gold; also, one vessel of beryll, ordained for the body of Christ; also, one cross of gold, with relicks of the Cross of our Lord. Item, I bequeath to the Prior of the said Church, to pray for my soul, one cup silver-gilt, with a cover, and one silver-gilt water-pot, both of the price of xx *l.* Item, I bequeath to each of the monks of the said Church in priest's orders, to pray for my soul, v marks; and to each monk of the said Church not a priest xl *s.* to pray for my soul. Item, I bequeath to my College at Oxford my mitre and pastoral staff[2], and my dalmaticks and sandals. Item, I bequeath to my College at Winchester my other plain mitre, ornamented with gold, and my common Bible[3]; also, the book called "*Catholicon;*" also, a book called "*Rationale Divinorum;*" also, a book called "*Florarium Bartholomei;*" also a book of the life of St. Thomas, called "*Thomas;*" also, a book called "*Pars Oculi.*" Item, I bequeath to the Warden of my College at Oxford x marks, and one silver-gilt cup and cover, and one silver-gilt water-cup, both of the price of xx marks, which cup and cover and water-pot I will shall remain to the said Warden and his successors, for their use, and of

[1] Robert de Braybrooke, who died 27th August 1404.

[2] This Crosier is still preserved at New College, Oxford, and a drawing of it is given in Lowth's Life of Wykeham before cited, p. 263. It was about six feet and a half long, and was splendidly enamelled near the top with images of the Saints, and ornamented with other Scriptural subjects. See Carter's Ancient Painting.

[3] This Bible is thus described in the Register of Winchester College; "Biblia cum clapsulis de argento de aurat: ex legato Domini Fundatoris. Pret. viii. marc." The above entry is worthy of attention, as it shows the price of a Bible at the period.

the said College, for ever. Item, to every actual Fellow of the said College in priest's orders xxvi s. viii d.; to each Fellow not a priest, but in holy orders, xx s.; to every Fellow in inferior orders xvi s. viii d.; and to every scholar of the said College under the years of probation, provided he has remained for a year in the College after he shall have been admitted an actual Fellow xiii s. iv d. sterling. Also, to every stipendiary Chaplain who shall remain for two years continually from the day of my death, and celebrate Divine Service in the same, xx s.; and I will that, every day from the time of my death being known, until the day of the solemnity of my funeral, and for forty days immediately following, the service for the dead and a solemn mass shall be said, for the health of my soul, and the souls of all the faithful deceased. Item, I bequeath x l. to be distributed among the clerks and choristers of the Chapel of my said College at Oxford, and common servants of the said College, according to the discretion of the Warden, Vice-Warden, and Bursers of the College. Item, I bequeath to every actual Fellow of my College of Winchester, being a priest, xxvi s. viii d.; and to each stipendiary Chaplain of the Chapel of the said College xx s.; to Master Thomas Romsey, teacher of the scholars of the said College, c s.; to the sub-teacher, or usher, xx s. And I will that, on each day from the day of my decease until that of my funeral, and for forty days afterwards, the service for the dead and mass of Requiem, shall be solemnized, for the health of my soul, and of all the faithful deceased. Item, I bequeath to each of the scholars of my College of Winchester vi s. viii d. Item, I bequeath x marks sterling to be divided between the clerks and choristers of the said College of Winton, and the household servants of the said College, at the discretion of the Warden, Vice-Warden, and Burser of the same College. Item, I bequeath to the fabrick of the Church of Sarum xx l. for the celebration of exequies on the day of my death and thirty days afterwards, by the Canons and Ministers of the said Church. Item, I bequeath to the Abbot of the Monastery of Hyde, to pray for my soul, a cup of silver-

gilt, with a cover, of the price of x *l.*; and to each monk of the same in priest's orders xl*s*; and to each monk of the said Monastery in inferior orders xx *s.* to pray for my soul. Item, I bequeath to the Abbess of the Monastery of St. Mary of Winchester v marks sterling; to each of the nuns of the same Monastery xiii *s.* iv*d.* Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent of the blessed Mary of Overe, in Southwark, in my patronage and diocese, for the reparation of the Church, and to pray for my soul, xl *l.* sterling, in which sum they are bound to me. Item, I bequeath to the Abbot and Convent of Waverle, in my patronage and diocese, to pray for my soul, x *l.* To the Abbey of Tichfield, in my patronage and diocese, a pair of vestments, with a chalice; to the Prior and Convent of Taunton, of my patronage, and in the diocese of Bath, to pray for my soul, c marks sterling; to the Abbess of the Monastery of the Nuns of Romsey v marks sterling; to Felic Aas[1], a nun of the said Monastery, c *s.*, and to each of the other nuns of the said Monastery xiii *s.* iv *d.*; to the Abbess and Convent of the said Monastery, for reparation of their Church and Cloisters, xl *l.* sterling, in which they are now bound to me; to the fabrick of the Parish Church of the same xx marks; to the Abbess and Convent of Wherwell, to pray for my soul, xx marks; to the Prior and Convent of St. Dionysius near Southampton, to repair and supply the defects of their Church, xx marks; to the Prioress and Convent of Wynteney, to pray for my soul, x *l.* sterling. to the Priory and Convent of Tawrigg, in my diocese, to pray for my soul, c *s.*; to be distributed among the brothers and sisters and poor of the Hospital of St. Thomas in Southwark, to pray for my soul, at the discretion of my executors, x marks; to the Hospital of the Holy Cross near Winton a pair of vestments, with a chalice, and a pair of silver dishes, with a fer de Moulin engraved in the bottom of the same, in the form of a cross; to the Hospital of St. Nicolas of Portsmouth a pair of vestments; to the Church of the blessed Mary of Southampton, a pair

[1] Ays, Regist. Arund.

of vestments, with a chalice; to the College of St. Elizabeth a pair of silver vessels, with the image of St. Martin sitting on horseback engraved on the bottom of them, also two silver cups[1], for the use of the high altar; to the Hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, near the City of Winchester, for the reparation of the Church, and house and tenements of the said Hospital, c *s.*; to the sisters of the Charitable Hospital of my Church of St. Swythin XL *s.* to be equally divided among them, to pray for my soul; to the Church of Hameldon a portiforium of my Chapel, at the choice and discretion of my executors, and a chalice; also, in a like manner, to the Church of Estmeone, another portiforium of my said Chapel, and a chalice; to each of the following Churches, viz. Wytteney, Farnham, Chiriton, Havonte, and Burgclere, of my patronage, an entire vestment, viz. for a priest, deacon, and subdeacon, with a cope also, and one chalice; to each of the following Churches, viz. Fallegh, Crawle, Alwardstoke, South Waltham, and Drokensford, of my patronage and diocese, one cope of the copes used in my Chapel, at the discretion of my executors, also a chalice; to each of the four Convents of the Order of Friars Mendicants of the City of Winton x marks, to pray for my soul; to Alice Perot, my cousin, c *l.* sterling; to Master John Wykeham, Rector of the Church of Crondall, c *l.* sterling; to Edithe Ryngebourne, my cousin, for herself, and her children not married nor advanced, c *l.* sterling; to Agnes Wodelok, my cousin, for herself, and her children, not married nor advanced, c *l.* sterling; to Johanna, wife of William Mavyell, for herself, and her children not married nor advanced, XL *l.* sterling; to Edithe, the wife of William Croyser, my cousin, c *l.* sterling; to Domina Agnes Sandes, my cousin, for herself and her children not married nor advanced, c *l.* sterling; to Thomas Warenner L marks, in which sum he is bound to me by writings; to Thomas, son and heir of the said Tho-

[1] In the original "ac duos *urciolos* argenteos, &c." Ducange explains the word "Urceolus," to be "inter ministeria seu vasa sacra recensetur."

mas, my cousin, xx *l.* sterling; to Reginald, son of the said Thomas Warenner, my cousin, xx *l.* sterling; to William Ryngebourne, my cousin, xx *l.* sterling; to John Bennet, of Bottele, my cousin, xx *l.* sterling; to Master John Wykeham, Rector of the Church of Biriton, for taking his degree of Doctor in Divinity, and other scholastic acts, L *l.* sterling; to Elena, sister of Master Nicholas Wykeham, for her, and her children not married nor advanced, xx *l.*; to Selote Purbyk x *l.*; to the two Chief Justices of our Lord the King of the Bench of our Lord the King, and of the Common Bench[1], to each of them a ring of gold with one diamond, or one "de parvis tablettis," of the value of c *s.*; to Dom. William Hengford a ring of gold, "vel unum tablett[2]," to the value of c *s.*; to Dom' Robert Faryngton a psalter "et unum par precum[3];" to John Uvedale a cup of silver, or other jewel, to the value of x marks; to Henry Popham a cup of silver, or other jewel, to the value of x marks; to John Chamflour, Nicholas Bray, and Stephen Carr, to each of them a cup, or other jewel, to the value of c *s.*; to Dom' William Savage, Rector of the Church of Overton, xx *l.*; to Dom' John Keton, Precentor of the Church of Southampton, xx *l.* Item, I will and ordain that my executors give and distribute to the persons in the Roll to this present Will annexed, and sealed with my seal, the things and sums in the said Roll expressed[4]. Item, I will that my executors, and the administrators of this my present testament, shall take M *l.* to be among them equally divided, as remuneration for their labour in the execution thereof; but I will that none of my said executors shall participate in the division of the said sum, unless they shall have sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, before him by whom this will shall

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[1] Apparently the Chief Justices of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, the former of whom was Sir William Gascoigne, Knight, and the latter William Thirning.

[2] Query, small table diamonds? [3] Vide note [4], p. 767.

[4] These bequests Dr. Lowth informs us he discharged in his lifetime with his own hands. See the codicil to the Bishop's will, p. 775.

be proved, to the faithful administration of the goods bequeathed in the same. The rest of my goods, not bequeathed, I give, bequeath, and commit to the disposal of my executors under written, to be by them faithfully disposed of for the good of my soul, as they will answer before the Supreme Judge. Of this my will I ordain and make my executors the Reverend Father in Christ Robert Bishop of London[1], and the venerable men Masters Nicholas Wykeham[2], John Elmere[3], and John Campeden[4], Thomas Chelrey, Steward of the lands of my Bishoprick of Winchester, Thomas Wykeham, my cousin and heir[5], and Dom' Thomas Ayelward, Rector of the Church of Havonte. Dated at South Waltham, XXIVth day of July, in the year of the Incarnation of our Lord, according to the course and computation of the Church of England, one thousand four hundred and three. In the eleventh indiction, and in the XIVth year of the Pontificate of the most holy Father in Christ and our Lord, Dom' Boniface the Ninth, by Divine Providence Pope: in the presence of the discreet men Dom' William Norton, Thomas Lavington, William Butiller, and John Knyght; also one William Doune, Notary Public, writer of this Testament, witnesses to this specially called and requested. And I, William Doune, Clerk of the Diocese of Exeter, &c. &c.

CODICIL OR ROLL MENTIONED IN THE PRECEDING WILL.

To Thomas Chelrey, Thomas Wykeham, Master Nicholas Wykeham, Master John Ellemere, Master John Campeden, Thomas Aylward, each, silver vessels to the value of L *l.*; Master Robert Keton, William Norton, Thomas Lavyngton, each, vessels of silver to the value of XXVI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.*; William

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[1] Robert Braybroke. [2] Archdeacon of Wilts.

[3] His official general. [4] Archdeacon of Surrey.

[5] He was his great nephew and heir (vide the genealogical table), but is described in the original "consanguineum meum et heredem."

Butillere xx *l.* with a chalice besides; Walter Aude xx *l.*; John Sturminster xx *l.* with a chalice; John Lytton x *l.*; John Bussh xx *l.*; Richard Chichester vi *l.* xiiis. iiii *d.*; John Knight xx *l.* with a chalice; John Langele vi *l.* xiiis. iiii *d.*; John Hende, Joc' Bailiff, each c *s.*; William Brocheband xx *l.* with a silver cup; John Foxle, William Westynton, each x *l.*; Ralph Arches c *s.*; John Dantre c *s.* de oblig'; William Changelton, John Coudray, Guy Denham, each c *s.*; Nicholas Gifrewast, Thomas Penne, each lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; John Arnold, John Shire, each c *s.*; John Devenish c *s.* de oblig'; John Rewes lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; John Pope vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*; Nicholas Hackestalle lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; William Doune c *s.*; William Grene lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; John Boseham, Stephen Anstel, Nicholas Sturgeon, William Welde, each xl *s.*; Roger de Camera c *s.*; Peter Knight vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*; John Barbour, Nicholas Gerveys, William Peti-John, each lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; William Saleman vi *l.* xiii *s.* viii *d.*; Richard Crokhere lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; John Combe vi *l.* xiii *s.* iv *d.*; John Cranbourne, Thomas Somer, Robert Hertele, Robert Goos lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; Richard Bouget xl *s.*; John Skyrewhit, Thomas Squiler, Robert Grey, John Namby, John Golde, John Gay, William Wayte, each lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; Thomas Bakere Huntere xl *s.*; John Ferrour lxvi *s.* viii *d.*; Peter Hyndon, Thomas Payn, John Mundy, William Russel, Richard Winthrythe, Geoffrey Bowyar, each xx *d.*; Nicholas Bucher, John Gare, Butellar[1], Richard Howe, Roger Gare, Aula, John Bury, Thomas Lavender, John Boll, John Frythe, Nicholas Bonde, Roger Gare, Pristina, Richard Smith, g. Camere Dom'i, Thomas Rede, Gardinar de Waltham, John Fox, William Gog, John Martyn, Richard Bikebrok, John Stanes, William Bailif, John Billebury, Robert Bathe, John Lemere, William Aldewyne, each xl *d.*; Garcio, Venetoris, Pag.

[1] The name of the office held by this and several other persons in the above list, viz. the pages of the kitchen, poultry, butchery, horses, bakehouse, &c. are inserted in the original, because it would be difficult to give a translation which would precisely describe their several situations.

Char. Goos, Pag. Char. Somer, Pag. Lavendr', Pag. Pistrina, Pag. Palfr., Pag. Pult., Pag. Carnific., Roger Sourland, Pag. Squiler, John Smith, John Fox, Junior, John Wayte, Pag. Hak, each xx *d*; Simon Membrury x *l.*; to the Vicar of Sombourn Registry a silver cup with a cover to the value of x marks; Sir John Down, Clerk of the Registry, v marks; William Mavyel, John Arches, William Faulkner, John Dekene, Edward Coudray, John Fromond, Richard Wallop, Richard Elys, Thomas Warenner, Walter Hoke, to each of them c *s.* or a silver cup of the value of c *s.* at the choice of the executors; Richard Prewes, Clerk to the Bishop, William Portman, Clerk of Taunton; William Lamport, Clerk of Dounton; Edmund Nyng, Clerk of Twyford; Richard Sydal, Clerk of Wytteneye; John Compton, Clerk of Wergrave; Henry Habraham, Clerk of Sutton; William Knight, Clerk of Meone; Richard Knollere, Clerk of Waltham; William Pope, Clerk of Clere; John Shire, Clerk of Farnham; John Myst. The Janitors of Taunton, Wolvesey, Farnham, London, at the discretion of the executors. The Keepers of the Parks of Taunton, Waltham, Farnham, Hameldon, Meone, Merdon, Merewell, Clere, Jutton, Farnham, Biterne, at the discretion of the executors. The Keepers of the Warrens of Overton, Farnham, Wergrave, Longwode, at the discretion of the executors. Thomas Buckingham, Warrener of Esshere.

CODICILS.

In the name of God Amen. I, William of Wykeham, by Divine permission Bishop of Winchester, &c. considering that the will of testators is variable until the end of their life, and recalling to my mind and recollecting that, after having made my Will, some things bequeathed and ordained in the same have been fulfilled and really executed by myself, with the assistance of the Divine favour, according to the disposition of the said last Will; therefore, in making my Codicil, with regard to all legacies of this kind, which I intended to be specially expressed in the present Codicils, I will that my executors, named in

the aforesaid testament, shall be entirely exonerated and undisturbed; and by these presents I do expressly annul the same legacies. In the first place, the legacy to, &c. [Here are enumerated most of the legacies given in the preceding Will.] I also will and ordain, that if any other of the legacies in my Will bequeathed shall have been made, paid, or even executed, in the present Codicil by me, either formerly or hereafter, while I live, I will that they shall cease after my death, and I annul them both now and at that time, and I will that my executors shall by no means be charged to make, pay, or perform the same, but that they shall in all of them be free, undisturbed, and dissolved. Dated at South Waltham, 10th January 1403, &c.

Proved before Thomas, &c. on the 9th day of October 1404, in our Palace in the City of Coventry, by our beloved sons in Christ, John May Denheth, our Vicar General, and Warden of the Spiritualities of the City and Diocese of Winchester during "sede Episcopali ibidem vacante," and our brother Thomas Nevyle, Prior of the Church of Winchester*.

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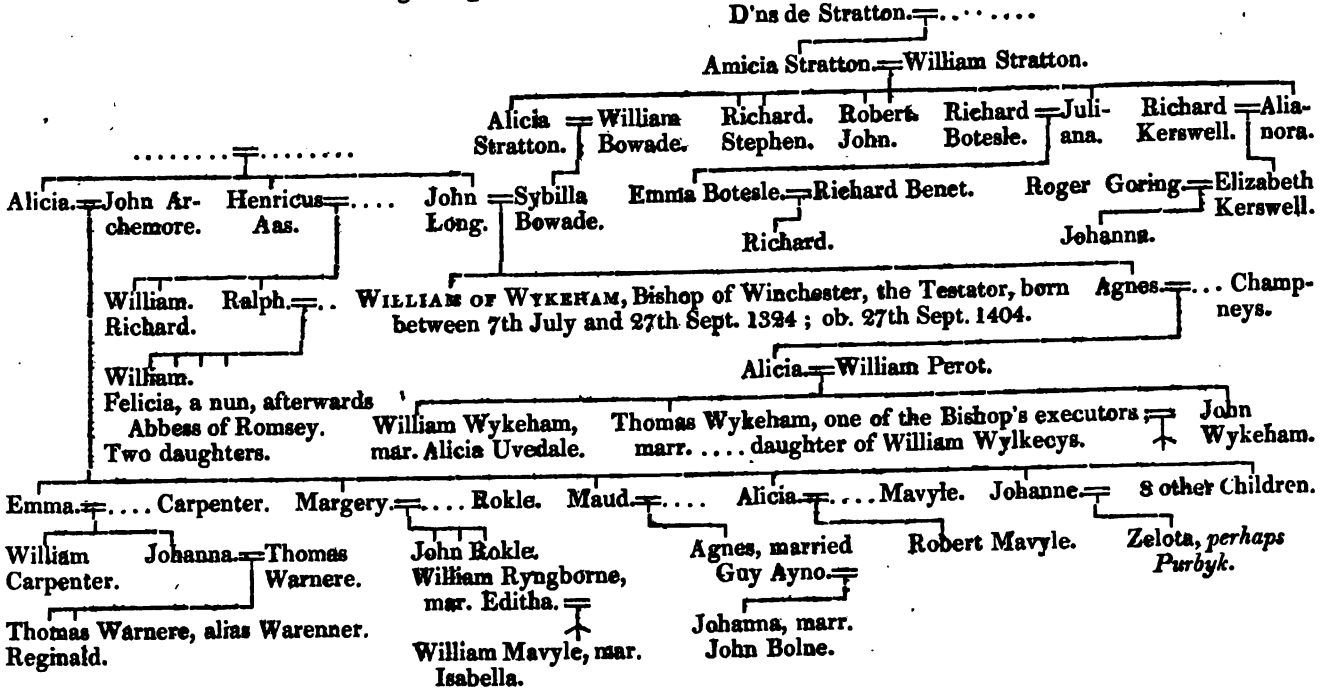
* From the Appendix to Lowth's Life of Wykeham. See the genealogical table, page 777.

The following Pedigree is taken from Bishop Lowth's Life of Wykeham.



JOHN GOWER.

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Gower [1], being of sound mind, wholly commending myself, in the Catholic faith, to the divine mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, make my Will in this manner. First, I bequeath my soul to God my Creator, and my body to be buried in the Church of the Canons of St. Mary of Overes, in a place specially destined for this purpose. And I bequeath to the Prior of the said Church for the time being XL*s*. Item, I bequeath to the Sub-Prior XX*s*. Item, I bequeath to each of the Canons, being priests serving God there, XIII*s*. IV*d*.; and to the Canons of the same being noviciates I bequeath VI*s*. VIII*d*. each, that all and each of them may devoutly perform my funeral obsequies, praying for me. Item, I bequeath to each valet within the doors of the said Priory, serving the Prior and Convent, II*s*.; and each boy XII*d*. Item, I bequeath to the Church of St. Magdalene XL*s*. for the lights and ornaments thereof. Item, I bequeath to the Parish Priest of the same X*s*. that he may pray for me, and cause me to be prayed for. Item, I bequeath to the Master Clerk there III*s*. Item, I bequeath to the Sub-

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[1] The well known poet: it is stated that he was born about 1320, and that he was descended from an ancient family, which is now represented by the Marquess of Stafford, K. G. but the connexion between the poet and that house has never been clearly established. Gower is said to have studied in the Middle Temple, but little appears to be known of his biography. To posterity he has left an acceptable legacy in his works; and illustrious as the family of Gower unquestionably is, it is acknowledged that they would feel proud to establish their descent from a man who has conferred immortality on their name. From the poet's will it is certain that he was possessed of considerable property, but the inference to be drawn from his not naming any other relation than his wife Agnes, decidedly is, that he died without issue. His death, it is evident, from the date of his testament, and of the probate thereof, occurred in 1408.

Clerk iis. Item, I bequeath to the four Parish Churches in Southwark, viz. St. Margaret, St. George, St. Olave, and St. Mary Magdalene juxta Bermondsey, to each of them severally xiiis. ivd. for the ornaments and lights, as above, and to each Parish Priest or Rector, residing for the time in the same, and serving the Church, vis. viiid. that they may pray for me, and cause and procure me to be prayed for in their parishes. Item, I bequeath to the Master of the Hospital of St. Thomas the Martyr, in Southwark, xls.; and to each priest who is in the bosom of the same hospital, and serving the same, vis. viiid. that they may pray for me there. Also, I bequeath to every sister professed in the said hospital iiis. ivd. and to each of them who is a nurse of the sick xxd. Item, I bequeath to every sick person in the said hospital xiid. Item, I bequeath to each of the undermentioned hospitals, St. Thomas Elsing Spittle, Bedlam without Bishopsgate, St. Mary Spittle near Westminster, to each sister professed, where there are sisters in the said hospitals, together with the nurses and patients in the same, that they shall severally receive in manner as above. Item, I bequeath to each of the House for Lepers in the suburbs of London xs. to be distributed among them, that they may pray for me. Item, I bequeath to the Prior of Elsingspittle xls.; and to each Canon in Priest's orders vis. viiid. that they may pray for me. Item, I bequeath for the service of the altar in the Chapel of St. John the Baptist, in which my body is to be buried, viz. two vestments of silk, with all their appendages, of which one is a blew baudkin mixed with white colour, and the other is of white silk. Item, I bequeath to the service of the said altar a large and also new missal, and a new chalice; and my will is that the said vestments, together with the missal and chalice, shall remain for ever for the service of the said altar only, and no other. Item, I bequeath to the Prior and Convent a certain large book lately composed at my expense, which is called *Martirologium*, so that I ought to have daily a special memorial written in the same, according to their promises. Item, I bequeath to Agnes, my wife, cl. of lawful money. Item,

I bequeath to the same iij cups, one cover, two salt-sellers, and twelve silver spoons. Item, I bequeath to the same all my beds, chests, together with the furniture of the hall, pantry, kitchen, and all vessels and utensils whatsoever of the same. Item, I bequeath to the same one chalice and one vestment for the altar which is in the oratory of my house. Item, I will that if the said Agnes, my wife, survive me, then that she shall freely and peacefully, immediately after my death, receive all my revenues and dues from the farms of my manors of Southwell, in the county of Nottingham, as well as of Multon, in the county of Suffolk, as may fully appear in a certain writing executed there under my seal, as well as the seals of others. Of this testament I make and appoint my executors Agnes my wife, Dom. Arnold Savage, Dom. Pryce, Esquire, Dom. William Denne, Canon of the Chapel of our Lord the King, and John Bruton, Clerk. Dated in the Priory of St. Mary of Overes in Southwark, on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary[1] in the year 1408.

Proved before Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury, by Agnes, the testator's widow and executrix, 7th October, and letters of administration granted to the said Agnes 24th October 1408 *.

WILLIAM BEVILL.

In the name of Almighty God, Amen. I, William Bevill[2], of Chesterton, in the County of Huntingdon, Gentillman, of an holy mynde and good remembrance, being the

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[1] August 15.

* From Todd's Illustrations of Gower and Chaucer, p. 87.

[2] Ancestor of the ancient family of Bevill, of Chesterton, in the county of Huntingdon; he died 3 Henry VII. leaving two sons, William, his heir, who died 19 Henry VII. and Robert, from whom the family are descended.

xxx day of the moneth of July, in the yeare of our Lord God MCCCCLXXXVII, make my testament and my last will in this wise. First, I give and bequeath my soule unto Allmighty God, his blessed Modyr and Mayd our Lady Saint Mary, and all the blessed company of Heven; and my body to be buried in the Chirche of St. Michael of Chestirton aforesaid, afore the autre of ye blessed Lady St. Mary the Virgin, with my best hors, in ye name of my mortuary, after the custom of the Cuntre. Also, I bequeath to my sonne, William Bevill, a great chest, a prewce cofer. Also, I bequeath to my sonne, Robert Bevyll, a fedre bed, with a bolster, twoo pillowes, blanketts, &c. The residue of all my goods not bequeathed, my detts paid, I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Robert Bevill, my sonne, whome I ordeyne and make of this my testament myne executor. This was done the day, yeare, and place above written. Than present ye Parson of Chesterton aforesaid, and othir*.

JOHN MIDDLETON.

In Dei no'i'e, Amen. In the year of the Incarnaton of our Lorde Chr' M.VC.XI. the xvi daie of Octobre, I, John Middelton, of Longefelde, being in goode memory, make and ord' this my testament and laste will, in maner and forme followyng. Furste, I bequeath my soull to Chr', my bodie to be buried in the Chapell of our Lady w'in the Churche of Longefeld. It'm, I bequeathe to the highth ault' VI *d.* It'm, to the mayntenance of the rode ligtht in the saide Churche a cowe, the whiche I wille in the keping of some honeste p'son, to the saide use, according to the discreton of myn exec'. And I will that Margaret, my wife, shall by my torches, to the valow of XX *s.* to buryne at my bury-

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* Cott. MSS. Julius F. VIII. The Heralds' Visitation of Huntingdonshire in 1611, f. 4 b.

inng, and at my monyth mynde. And immediately aft' my said monith mynde is paste, I will that ij of the saide torches be given to the Churche of Longefelde, and the third to the P'isshe Churche of Nosted: and the iiij to the Churche of Hartley. Also, I will yt shall singe at my burynng in the said Churche iij prestis, and at my monith mynde iiij p'stis. Also, I bequeathe to Joan, my daughter, vij quarter malt; and to Agnes Brown, my servant, an'oh' quart' malt. And all the residue of my goodes moveables, I gif to Margarete, my wif, and she to rewarde and give unto John, William, and Rich', my sonnes, such parte of the said moveables as she thinketh beste, after her discretion; and I make and ord' the said Margarete to be my sole executrix of this my testament and laste will, and Ric' Barnarde, of Dertforde, sup'visor w'h hur, to whome I geve for his labor and his diligence iiis. ivd. and his costs. This is the laste will of me the foresaid John Middelton, made the daie and yere above writon, as toucheing all my landes and te'nts, whereof I or any o'r man is seized or possessed to my use. Furste, I will that Margarete, my wif, immediate after my decease, shall have all those landes and tenements that I late bougthte of John Videy, of Mepeh'm; and also, all those landes and ten'ts that I late boughth of William Rugge, whiche was recordyd of the saide William in the comon place at Westemester, before the Kinge's Justices, and to have and to holde all the foresaide landes and te'nts, w' all com'odites and app'tenannces th'rto belonging or app'tenyng to the forsaide Margarete, and to hur assignes for ever, in fee simple. Also, I will that John Myddelton, my son, shall have all my other landes[1] and te'nts that be in the p'isshe of Longefelde

[1] The lands above stated to be situate at Longfield, were devised by William Middleton, of Longfield, by his will, dated 2d June 1463, and proved in the Consistory Court at Rochester, to his eldest son the said John Middleton, in whose blood and family they have been uninterruptedly transmitted to their present possessor Henry Cox, Esq. of Charlton Farningham, Kent, the grandson and heir of Henry Cox, by Mary his wife, daughter, and

aforesaide, excepte ij croftes co'tenyng v acres, whearof the on' is called Taillor's Croft, and the other South Crofte, the whiche ij croftes ar p'cell of the landes above namyd, and dem'ed to the said Margarete; and all the other w'in the said p'isshe, excepte the said ij croftes, I will it shall remayn unto the foresaide John Myddelton, and to the heyres male of his bodie lawfully begoten; and for defawte of issue male of the saide John lawfully begoten, I will that the saide landes shall remayne to Richarde, my yongeste sonne, and to the heyres male of his bodie lawfully begoten; and, defawte of issue male of the said Ric' lawfully begoten, I will the saide landes shall remayne to William, my son, and to the heyres male of his bodie lawfully begoten; and for defaut of heyres male of the said John, Richard, and William, lawfully begoten, I will that all the saide landes and ten'ts shal be solde by myn executrix or hur assignes, and ye money to be devyded in man'r folowyng; that is to saye, a honeste p'ste to be founde to synge in the p'isshe Churche of Longefeld, by the space of iii hole yeres, for my soull, my fath'r and mo'h'r, my children, & all my b'n'factors, of whome parte of the said landes furste com' by, and for all cristen soulles, and the residue of the money than leffte to be devyded equally in ii parties; and the on' half y'rof to be devyded to the next of my kinred, and the other half to be bestowed in amendyng of high ways and other dedes of charite, after the discret'on of my saide executrix or hur assignes, and I will and require Nicholas Bonyfaint, Gent.[1] Willia' Sedley, Gent. Willia' Parrage, John Skudder, James Lamert, and Thomas Mansfield, the whiche be infeoffed in the foresaide

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at length sole heiress of Solomon Penury, the eldest son and heir of John Penury, by Joan his wife, daughter, and at length sole heiress of Nicholas Middleton, son and devisee of Nicholas Middleton, the eldest son and heir of Henry Middleton, son and devisee of John Middleton, the eldest son and heir of the said John Middleton, the testator of the Will in the text.

[1] Of Scadbury Southfleet, Kent, ancestor of Sir Charles Sedley, the poet.

landes and ten'ts, that they make & deliver a state' according to this my testament and laste will, at such tyme as they therunto shal be resonably requyred, as they will ansor before God at the daye of juggement. Witness, John Middelton, Sir John Robynson, P'son of Fawkh'm, William Prays, Thomas Ketill, Ric' Barnarde, and o'rs.

Proved at Rochester 1st March 1512*.

RICHARD BYRCHETT.

In the name of God, Amen. Anno Domini 1516, on 24th of July, I, Richard Byrchett, of Pesemershe, of sound mind and sane memory, make my testament in this forme. Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, the blessed Mary, and All Saints, and my body to be buried in the cemetery of the Parish Church of the Apostles Peter and Paul of Pesemersh. Item, I bequeath to the high altar there, for the neglect of my tythes there IV*d*. Also, I bequeath for the repair of the Parish Church of Pesemersh, VI*s*. VIII*d*. Also, to St. Richard of Chichester II*d*. Item, I will that my executor find ten priests to celebrate mass for the safety of my soul on the day of my burial, and on the following day as many priests, and as many on the day of my anniversary. Item, also I bequeath to Richard a Watyll IV*d*.; also, to Richard Herley IV*d*.; also, to Joan Byrchet, my daughter, XL*s*.; also, to Margaret Byrchet, my daughter, XL*s*.; also to Isabella, my daughter, XL*s*.; also, to the sons of John Bale one calf. The remaining V*s*. of all my goods not bequeathed I give to Robert Byrchet, my son, whom I constitute, ordain, and make my true executor, that he may have and dispose of them for the safety of my soul, as to him shall

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* Ex inform. S. P. Cox, Esq. of the Inner Temple, brother of Henry Cox, Esq. mentioned in the note to page 792.

seem best. These persons being witnesses: Stephen Sampson, Robert Geroys, Henry a Watyll, and many others *.

Thys ys ye last wyll of me Rychard Byrchett, of Peymarsh, mad ye yere & day afore rehersed; ffyrst, I wyll yt Robert Byrchett, my son, shall have my house yt I dwell in, wt' ye app'ten'ces, ye whych ys callyd Daggys, & I will yt John Byrchett, my son, shall have my howse to ye app'ten'ces ye wych ys in Haukeherst. It', I wyll yt Thomas Byrchett, my son, shall have my land yt ys at Hayshurtna, & every those of my sons shall be here to other, yf ony of them dy w't'owt here of theyr bod's lawfully begotyng; and there shall no' of my sons sell there howse nor land, but on brother to a nother, yf he wyll by hyt, & yt w't'in ye pryce that a nother man wold gyf. It', I wyll yt P'nell Byrchet, my wyfe, shall have IV keyn of ye best, & Robert Byrchet, my son, shall kepe II of them, and pay to ye sayd P'nell yerely VIII *s.* IV *d.* and John Byrchet, my son, shall pay to ye sayd P'nell my wyfe V *s.*; and Thomas Byrchet, my son, shall pay to ye sayd P'nell VI *s.* VIII *d.*; and the sayd P'nell, my wyfe, shall have ye chamber yt she lyes in, and lyberte at ye fyer in ye house, and ye dysposy'on of all my howsehold; all yese thynges shall she have so long she ys wedo; and yt yf ye foresayd P'nell, my wyfe, do mary, yen shall have IV keyn, a bed to ye ap'p'tena's, halfe a seyme of wete, halfe a seyme of otts, and a yonge hoge, & no more.

ROBERT TYRROLD.

In the name of God, Amen. The XVIth daye of January, in the yere of o'r Lord God M.CCCCCXLV. and in the XXXVIth yere of the raigne of o'r Soverayne Lord Ky'g

* The above is a translation from the first part of this extremely curious Will, which is in Latin; the rest follows in English, as above

Henry the VIIIth, I Robert Tyrrold[1], of the p'rishe of Hagborne, beyng sik in body and p'fect of remembrans, make this my last will and testament, after this man' and forme followyng. First, I bequethe my sowle unto Almyghtie God, to o'r Lady Saynt Mary, and to all the holy co'paney of Hevy', and my body to be buryed w'in the Churche of Hagborne. I geve to the Mother Church of Sar' II *d.* It. to the hy aut'r of the Churche of Hagborne XII *d.* It'm, the Church XX *s.* It. I gyve to Will', my son, X shepe. It. to Davi, my son, XX q'ters of barly, and the second cart, with II hors and their harness, II kine next best after Avery. It. to Davy VI pewet'r platters, a planke to make a table-bord, w'h a payer of trostels, II pots, on great and on small, X shepe, II quarters of wheat, on small flocke bed, w'h the app'tineng thereto belonging. It. to Ric', my son, II quarter barley, I q'r of wheat, on pot, and X shepe. It. to John Slade my XX shepe that he hathe in his kep'g. It. to a p'st to syng for me and for my frynds for I yere VI *l.* It. to ev'ry child's child XII *d.*; and to ev'ry on of my god-chyldren IV *d.* It. to Robert Rose, Robert Bewe, Will' Stasey, Henry Sten, for berying me to Church, VI *d.* a pece. It. IV men to ryng my knele IV *d.*; and four to ryng after, each of them IV *d.* It. to Robert West VI bus' barly. Item, to Nicholas Gyles VI bush' of barly. It. to Jone Synke XIII *s.* IV *d.* besyds other wagis. It. to Will. Du'den VI *s.* VIII *d.* Ye resydew of my goods I gyve to my wife, and to Av'ry my son, whome I make myne executors, wt' this co'dition, yt is to say, yt if the sayd Agnes, my wife, do co'tynew and abyde wt' Av'ry, my sune, or els, if she do marry, or depa'te away, I will that she shall have the thyrd p'te of all my goods, and when she

[1] Ancestor of the Editor's friend Edward Tyrrell, Esq., third son of Timothy Tyrrell, Esq. the present City Remembrancer, by whom it has been obligingly contributed to this collection. Though the testator was a yeoman, it is evident that he was a man of respectability; and as an example of the testaments of persons of that rank in society, his Will merits a place in this work.

departythe out of this world, I will that she give the sayd thyrd p'te of her goods to my chyldren, save Av'ry. It. I make Will' Treyte, of Hagbourne, my ov'sseer of this p'sent Will, to home I gyve x s. to his costs to be borne. It. I gyve and bequeith unto Avery Turrold, my sune, the lease of my farme. If so be that my sayd sone Avery dep'te this world, I wyll my sayde lease shall remayne unto Davy, my sune; and if Davy dep't, I wyll my lease shall remayne unto Wyll'm, my sune. These wytnes, John Aldeworth, of West Hagbourne, Will'm Keyte, wt' other mo.

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